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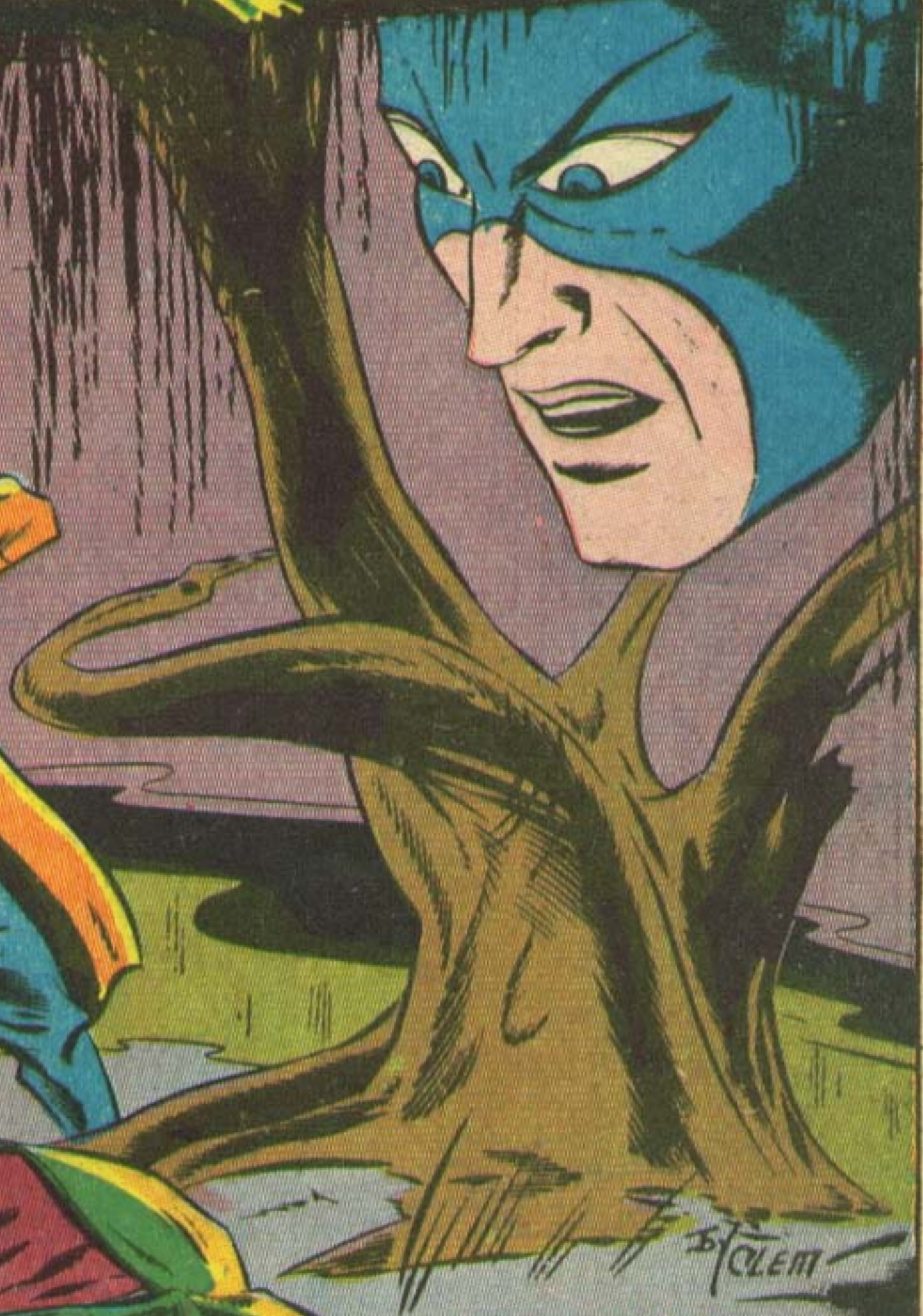
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BLACK HOOD



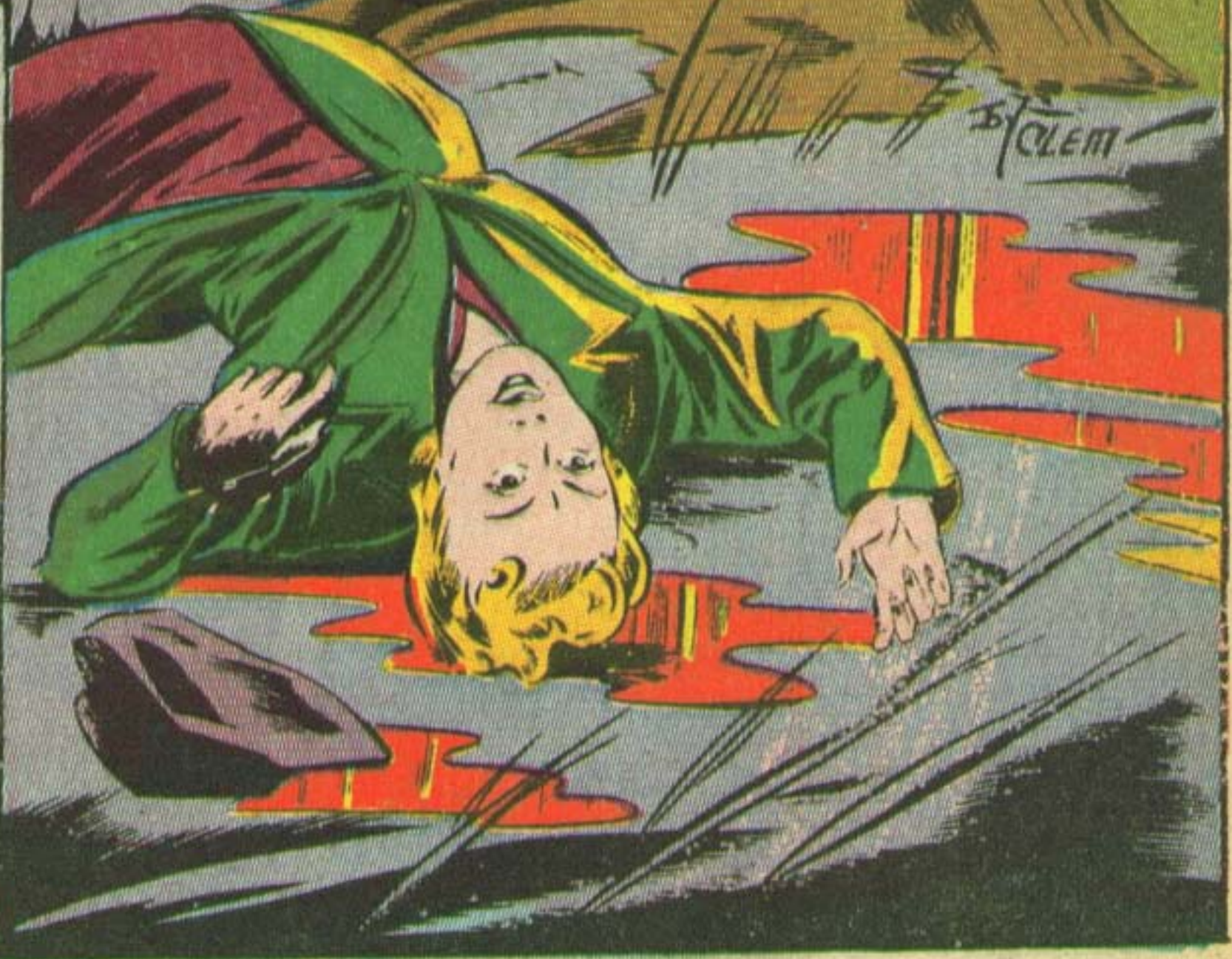
BY CLETT

ALL OF US KNOW THE BLACK HOOD BY HIS DEEDS! WE'VE READ HOW HIS FISTS, AND IRON COURAGE TRAPPED MASTER CRIMINALS AND BROUGHT TO NOTHING THE CLEVEREST SCHEMES THAT VILLAINY COULD DEVISE!

BUT HOW MANY OF US REALIZE THE POWER OF THE BLACK HOOD'S NAME --- THE NAME THAT STANDS FOR SWIFT JUSTICE AND CERTAIN RETRIBUTION.

THIS IS THE STORY OF A MAN WHO FOUGHT A GRIM BATTLE AGAINST MERE WORDS AND AGAINST THE LEGEND OF THE

BLACK HOOD!



A GUN SPEAKS...AND LIFE ENDS!

THIS IS ONE MURDER CASE YOU'LL NEVER TAKE TO TRIAL, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY!

BLAN!



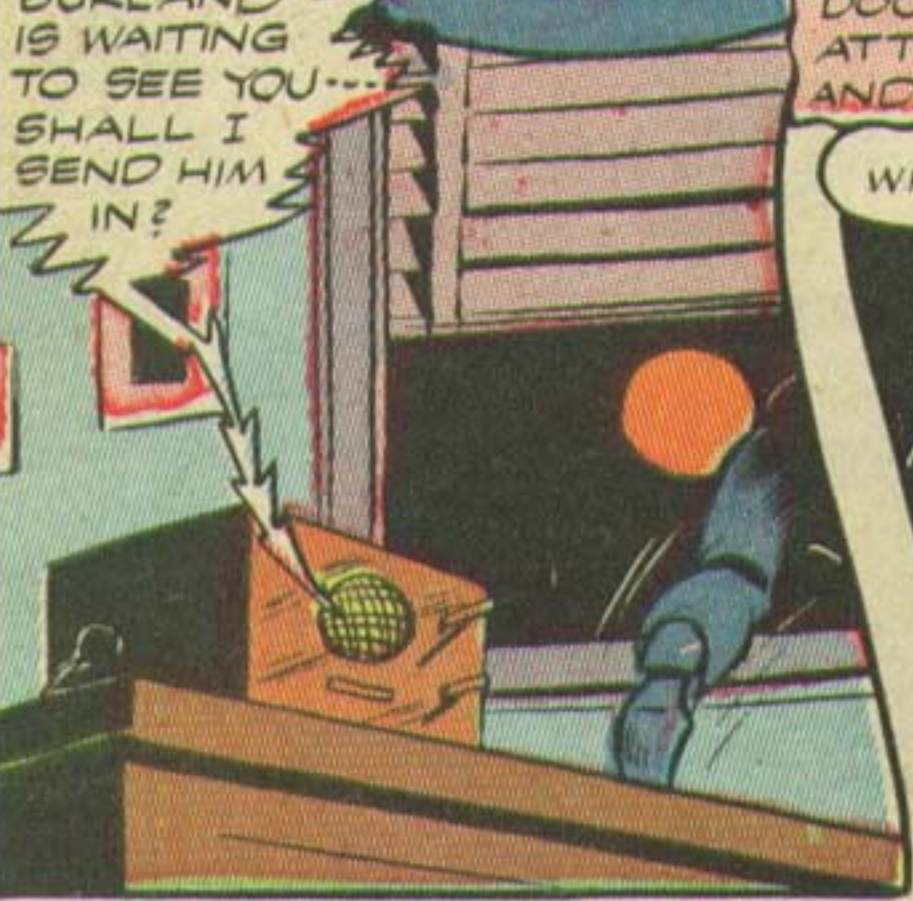
KIP BURLAND IS WAITING TO SEE YOU... SHALL I SEND HIM IN?

MOMENT LATER THE DOOR TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OPENS AND KIP BURLAND ENTERS...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, LARRY? YOU DIDN'T ANSWER SO I---

GOOD LORD! YOU'RE HURT!

KIP... I---



RIOR--DAN DID IT--- I---
HE'S DEAD!



I'LL GET THE MAN WHO DID THIS! I'LL MAKE HIM PAY!

THIS IS NO ORDINARY VOW OF VENGEANCE! THIS IS THE CALM, COLD STATEMENT OF A MAN WHO IS DEDICATED TO STAMPING OUT CRIME! FOR KIP BURLAND IS THE BLACK HOOD!

MEANWHILE RIORDAN RETURNS TO HIS HIDEOUT-

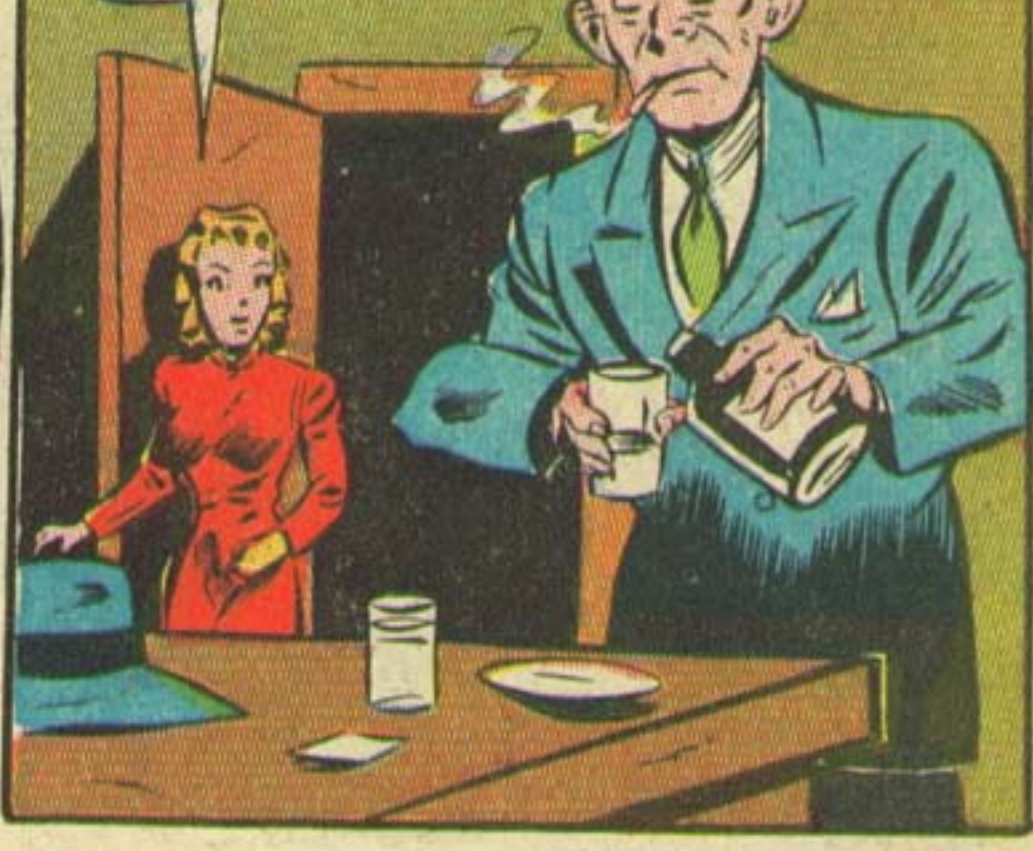
WE'RE SAFE NOW!
THAT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY WON'T
BOTHER US ANY
MORE!

YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE
IT!



THE **BLACK HOOD**
WAS A FRIEND OF
HIS, I TELL YA!
HE'LL COME
AFTER US! WE'LL
NEVER GET
AWAY FROM
HIM!

NOBODY KNOWS
WHO DID IT!
I DIDN'T LEAVE
A THING TO GO
ON!



THE **BLACK HOOD!**
AIN'T HUMAN! HE'LL
FIND US! HE'LL KILL
US BOTH!

YOU'RE TOO HIGH STRUNG! THAT'S
THE TROUBLE WITH YOU! GERTIE!



POLICE ARE
SEARCHING FOR
SLATS RIORDAN,
BELIEVED TO
BE THE KILLER
OF THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY!

IT IS SAID THE
BLACK HOOD
IS AIDING IN
THE SEARCH
TO BRING
RIORDAN
TO JUSTICE!

HOW'D
THEY KNOW
IT WAS
ME?

I
KNEW
IT!



THE **BLACK HOOD** TOLD
THEM! HE KNOWS
EVERYTHING! NOBODY
CAN GET AWAY FROM
HIM!

STOP SQUAW-
LING! WE'RE
GETTING OUT
OF HERE!



THE
BLACK HOOD!

THERE
HE IS,
MEN!



QUICK! GET OUT THE BACK DOOR!
DOOR! START THE CAR!

POWERFUL MUSCLES LUNGE AGAINST
THE DOOR AND ----

YOU WON'T GET AWAY,
RIORDAN!

I MEANT
WHAT I
SAID!

I'M GETTIN'
OUT OF HERE!
NOBODY
CAN STOP
ME!

AS THE FUGITIVE RIORDAN AP-
PEARS ON THE STREET ----

DON'T SHOOT! I'LL
HANDLE THIS MY WAY!

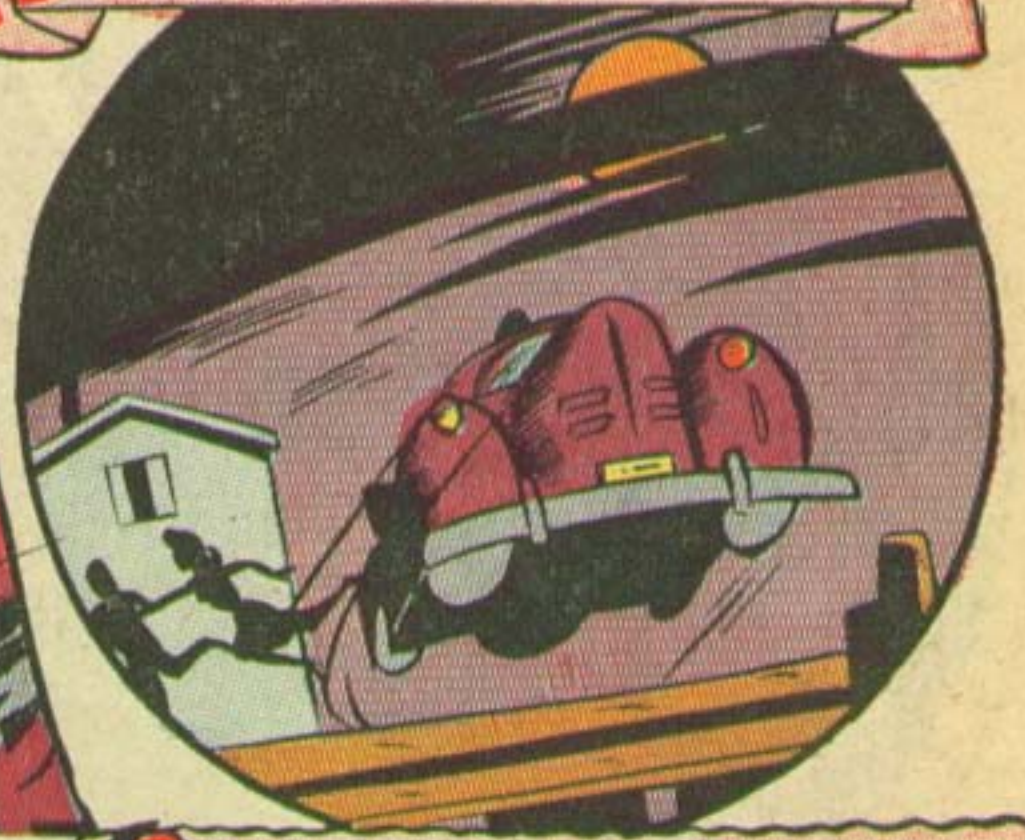
LITHE
AS A
GREAT
CAT,
THE
BLACK
HOOD
LEAPS
THROUGH
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TOWARD
THE
SPEED-
ING
CAR!



MADE IT! BUT I WOULDN'T WANT A "RETAKE" ON THAT ONE!



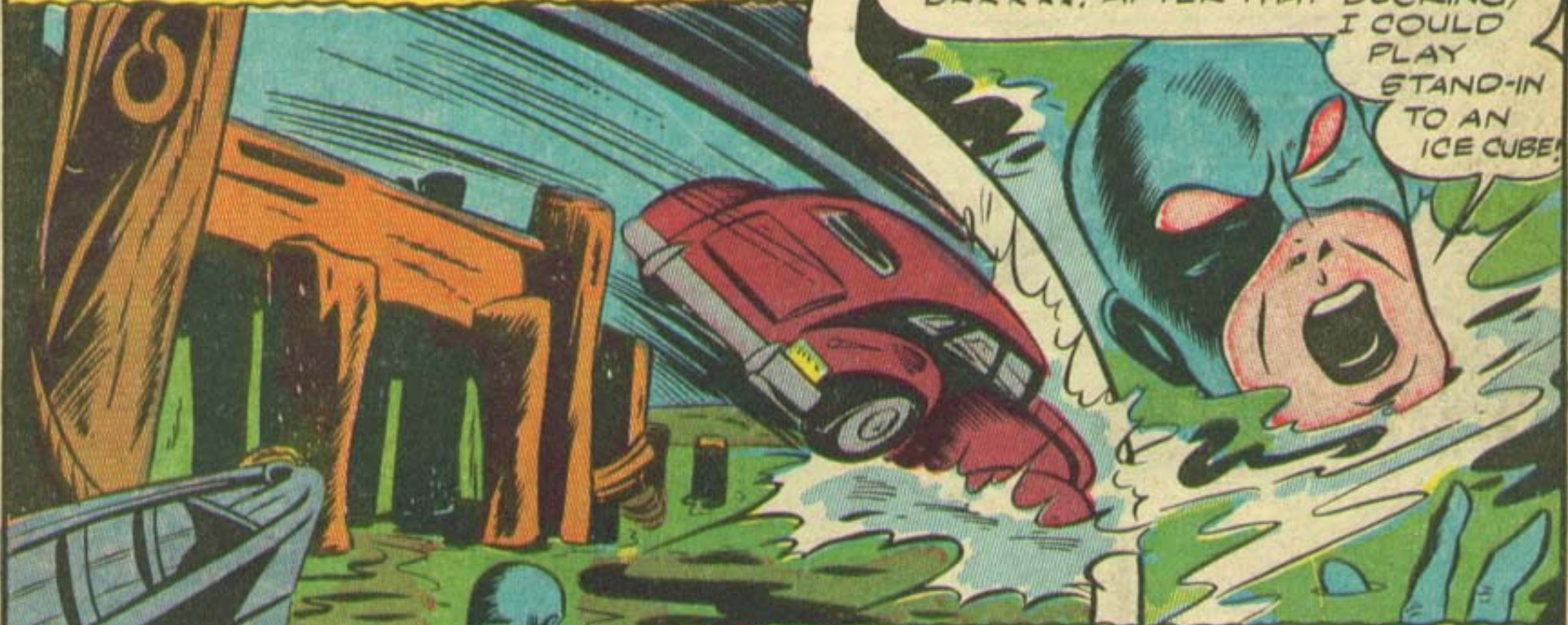
NEARING THE WATERFRONT, RIORDAN SPEEDS THE CAR TOWARD A DOCK ---



AND THE PLUMMETING CAR CARRIES THE BLACK HOOD INTO THE COLD GRASP OF THE RIVER --

A COWLED HEAD BREAKS THE SURFACE ---

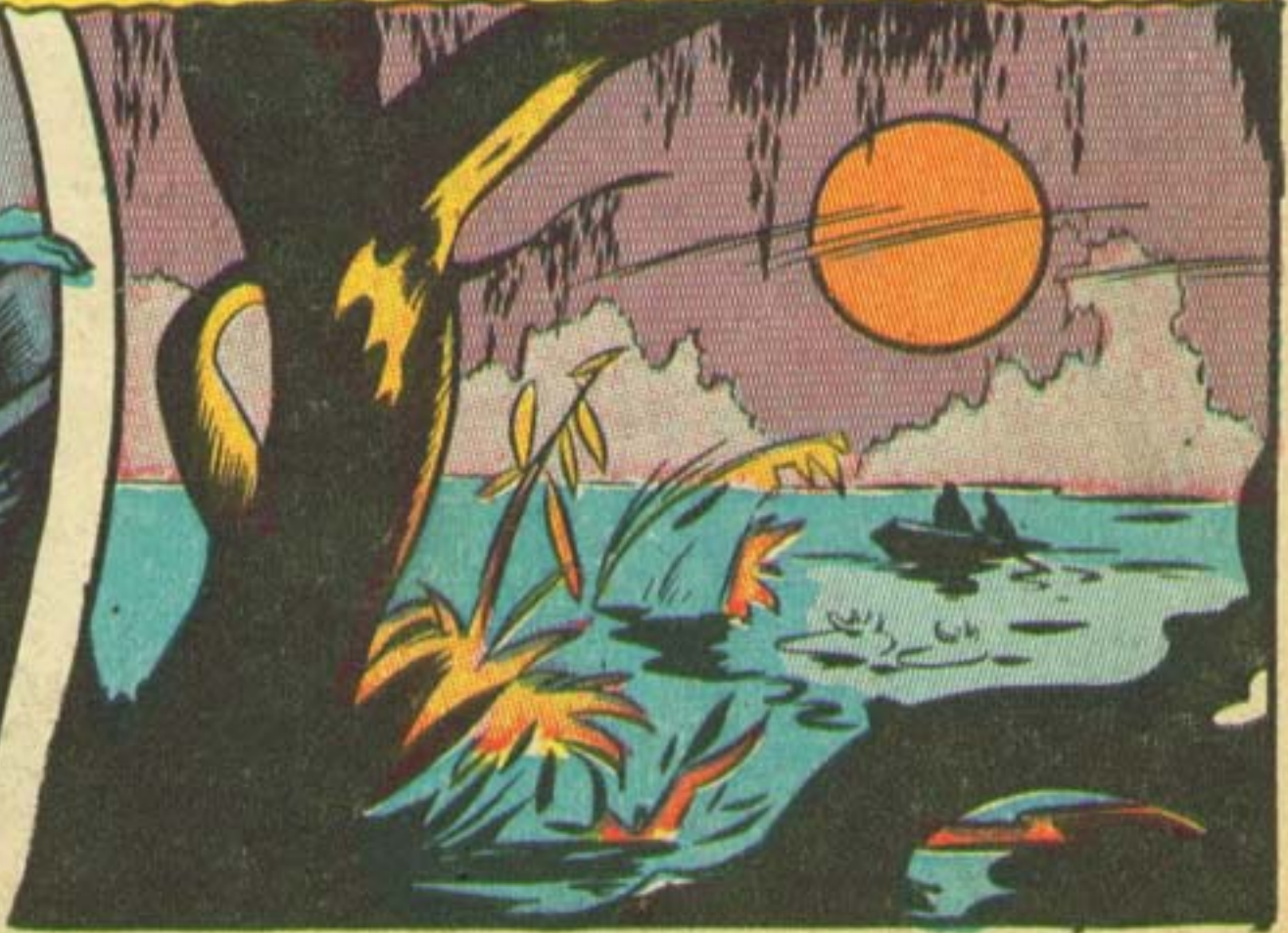
BRRRRr! AFTER THAT DUCKING, I COULD PLAY STAND-IN TO AN ICE CUBE!



RIORDAN GOT AWAY! I MUST BE SLIPPING!



DEEP IN THE SWAMPLAND AT HOWLEY CROSSING, WHERE STRANGE STUNTED TREES COWER AMID THE MUD AND DESOLATION, THERE IS HEARD THE UNFAMILIAR CREEK OF OARLOCKS AS A ROWBOAT POKES ITS WAY ACROSS THE WATER





WE LOST THE BLACK HOOD!

DON'T BE TOO SURE!



HE'LL NEVER LOOK FOR US HERE! NO LIVING BEING EVER COMES NEAR THIS PLACE!

IT'S GETTING DARK! HURRY AND GET SOME WOOD FOR A FIRE!



LATER---

WHAT ARE WE GOIN' TO DO? WE CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER!

I'LL BUILD A SHACK! WE'LL HIDE OUT UNTIL THE HEAT'S OFF US! THE BLACK HOOD WILL FIGURE WE'RE DEAD!

WE MAY BE STUCK FOR MONTHS! IT'S DANGEROUS! THERE'S ALL KINDS OF SNAKES--



YOU CAN GO TO TOWN FOR SUPPLIES! NOBODY WILL RECOGNIZE YOU!



I CAN'T STAND IT! I'LL GO CRAZY! I'D RATHER GO TO JAIL!

I'M NOT GONNA LET THE BLACK HOOD GET HIS HANDS ON ME!

I'M GOING BACK! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME HERE!

MAYBE NOT!



BANG

OOHWWW



YOU'LL STAY NOW-- PERMANENTLY!



A RUDE GRAVE IN THE SWAMPLAND--

SHE WAS A FOOL! BUT THERE'S NO ONE NOW TO GET MY SUPPLIES! I'LL HAVE TO DO THE BEST I CAN, ALONE!



MEANWHILE, THE HUNT FOR KILLER RIORDAN GOES ON--

WE'VE GOT A TIP THAT RIORDAN HEADED SOUTH! SOME BACKWOODS FISHERMAN SAID HE HIRED A ROWBOAT AND HEADED INTO THE SWAMP!

I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE SEARCHING PARTY, SIR!



SO IT IS THAT A GRIM BAND OF MEN SET OUT INTO THE UNEXPLORED SWAMPLAND NEAR HOWLEY CROSSING--

WHAT A DISMAL PLACE! NO ONE COULD LIVE HERE VERY LONG!



THIS IS A PERFECT HIDEOUT-- IF A MAN COULD GET SUPPLIES BROUGHT IN TO HIM!

BUT WE'VE CHECKED, AND NO STRANGERS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN TOWN! RIORDAN WASN'T MAD ENOUGH TO COME HERE WITHOUT FOOD!



AS THE ROWBOAT PASSES, FEVER BRIGHT EYES WATCH FROM NEARBY--

THEY'RE GOING PAST! I'LL CALL OUT TO THEM! THEY'LL GIVE ME FOOD AND WATER!



BUT EVEN AS PARCHED LIPS FORM A SHOUT, RECOGNITION COMES----

THE BLACK HOOD!

HE'S FOLLOWED ME
HERE! BUT I'LL GET
HIM FIRST!

SHOTS!
LOOK
OUT!

THAT'S
RIORDAN!

BANG
BANG

EMPTING HIS GUN, THE FEAR-STRICKEN RIORDAN FLEES BUT HE STUMBLES INTO A BED OF QUICKSAND--

DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE CLUTCH OF THE SOFT OOZE--

I'M
CAUGHT! I
CAN'T GET
FREE!

I CAN'T
CALL FOR
HELP! THE BLACK
HOOD WILL FIND ME!
I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!

BUT LAST THERE IS NOTHING BUT THE SLIGHT RIPPLE OF SAND TO REVEAL RIORDAN'S PRESENCE!

I'LL BEAT THE
BLACK HOOD!
HE WON'T---
GE--T--ME!

SECONDS LATER THE UNDERBRUSH PARTS TO DISCLOSE THE BLACK HOOD!

DID YOU
GET
RIORDAN?

HE'S ES-
CAPED!
HE HAS
BEATEN ME!
FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN
MY LIFE, I'VE
FAILED!

HE'S GONE! I'VE LOOKED EVERY-
WHERE--
BUT THERE
ISN'T A
CHANCE OF
FINDING
HIM IN
THIS
SWAMP!

SO ENDS THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO DEFEATED THE BLACK HOOD! RIORDAN COULD ESCAPE FROM THE MAN, BUT HE COULD NOT ESCAPE FROM THE LEGEND---

IT WAS HIS OWN CRIMINAL FEAR THAT DESTROYED HIM!!

SEÑOR SIESTA

by
Don
Dean

IT WAS SEÑOR SIESTA'S SMATTERING OF THE CULINARY ARTS, THAT SAVED HIS "BACON" IN LAST MONTH'S STORY! DEAD HEAD, OUR WESTERN BAD MAN, WHO ENGAGED SIESTA AS HIS CHEF, HOWEVER, IS QUICK TO LEARN OF SIESTA'S SHORT COMINGS IN THE KITCHEN! AND OUR STORY OPENS WITH A-----



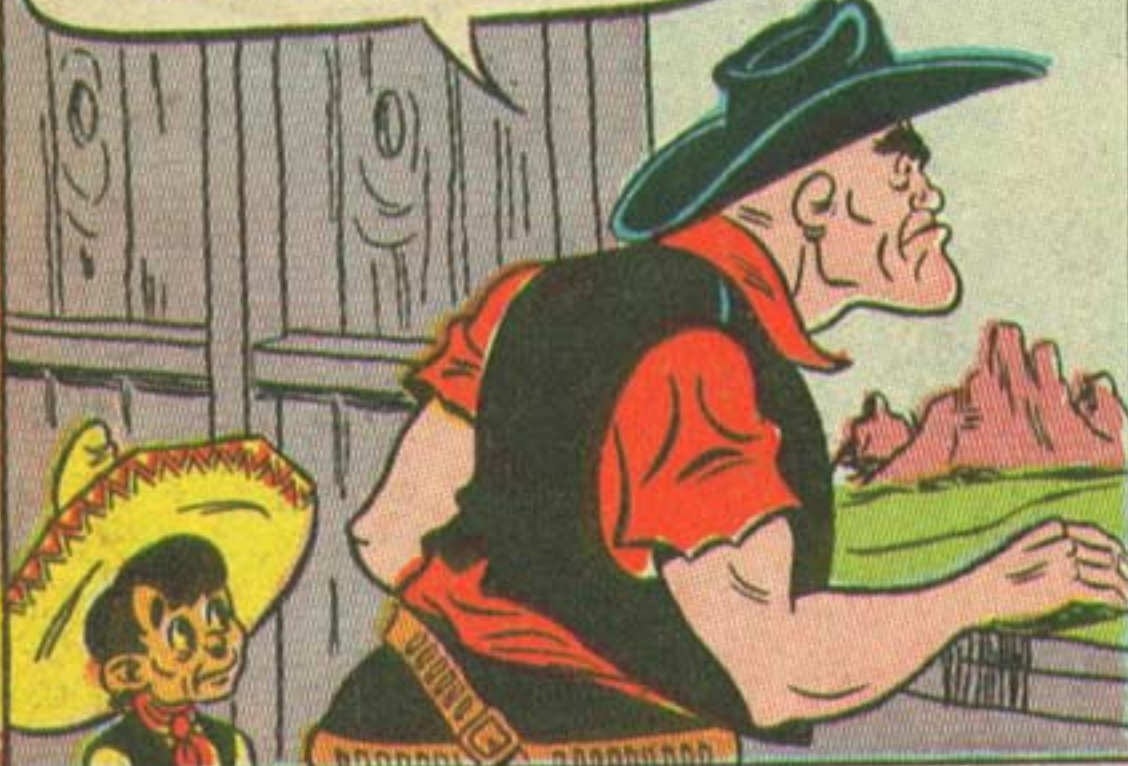
MISSED! CUSS ME, EF THEM POISONOUS VITTLES YEW FED ME HAIN'T AFFECTIN' MY EYE SIGHT! HOLT STILL!

BOOT, SEÑOR DEAD HEAD, YOU ARE ABOUT TO KEEL THE BES' COOK EEN ALL MEXICO!

YEH! PATHETIC, HAIN'T ET?

HARK, SENOR, I HEAR HOOF BEATS APPROACHING!

SHO ENUFF! ET'S SLICK AN' SLATS! I PLUMB FORGOT ABOUT MY APPOINTMENT WITH THEM GENTS TO ROB THE BANK OVAH AT FLAT ROCK CITY!



RUNT, I'MA GONNA SPARE YEW! FUST, I WANT YEW TO COOK UP A FEAST FOR MY FRAN'S! MAKE ET YORE WORST! SAVVY??

BOOT, SENOR, DON YOU MEAN THE VER' BES'??



JES' COOK FOR THEM, LIKE YEW COOK FOR ME! NOW GET TO THE KITCHEN, PRONTO!

SI, SI, SENOR DEAD HEAD!

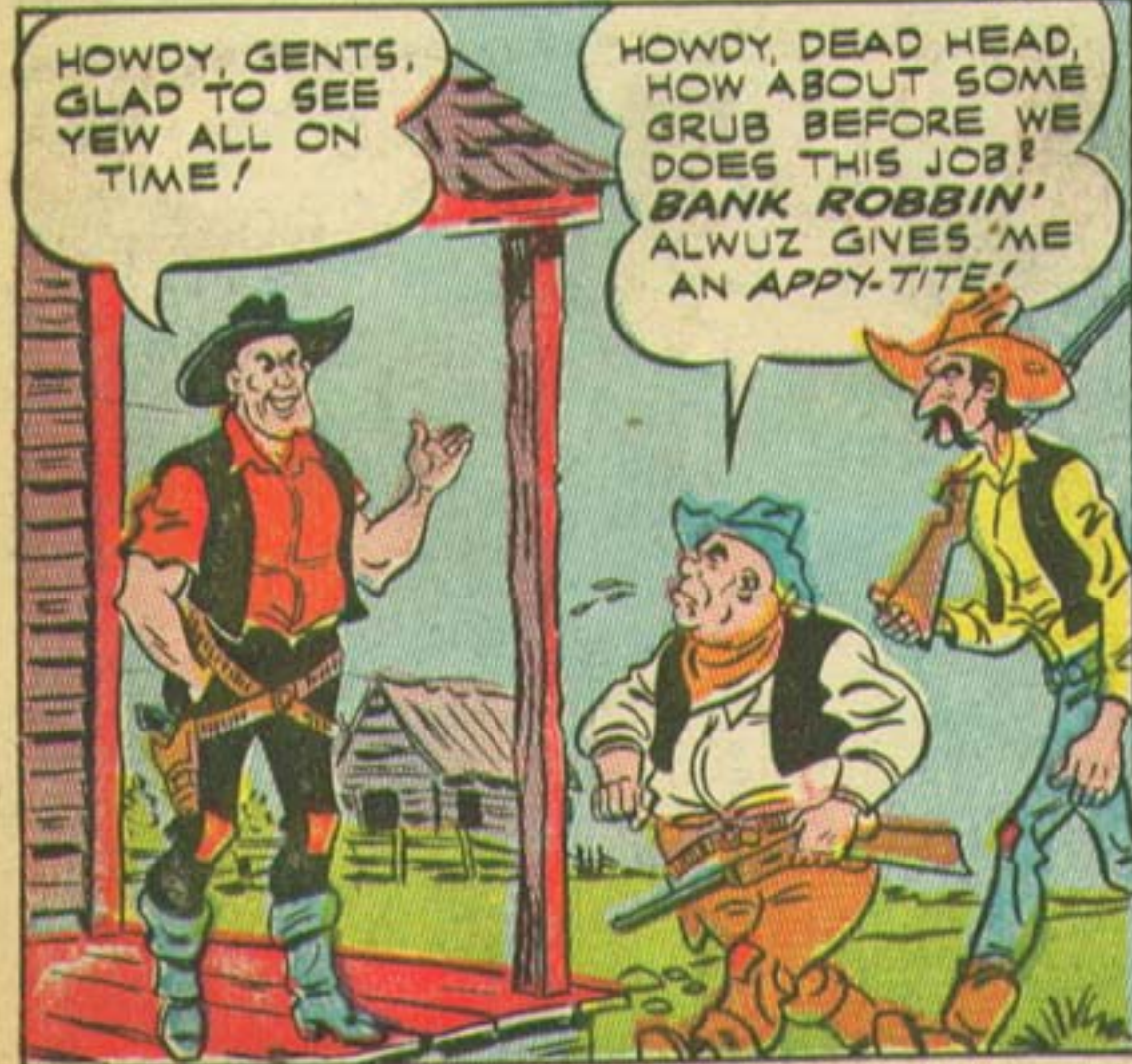


AFTAH THEM HOMBRES PUT AWAY ONE OF SIESTA'S MEALS, PTOMAINE POISONIN' WILL GET 'EM IN A FEW HOURS! THEN, NATCHERLY, I WILL GET THEIR SHARES OF THE BANK LOOT! HO-HO-HO...



HOWDY, GENTS, GLAD TO SEE YEW ALL ON TIME!

HOWDY, DEAD HEAD, HOW ABOUT SOME GRUB BEFORE WE DOES THIS JOB? BANK ROBBIN' ALWUZ GIVES 'ME AN APPY-TITE!



SHO ENUFF, GENTS! MEET SIESTA, MY NEW COOK!

HUH? WHY THAR HAIN'T ENUFF MEAT ON HIM FOR A MEAL!

GULP





BUENOS DIAS, SEÑORAS, PULEEZ SEET DOWN AND I WEEL FEEK FOR YOU THE MOS' FANCY DINNER!



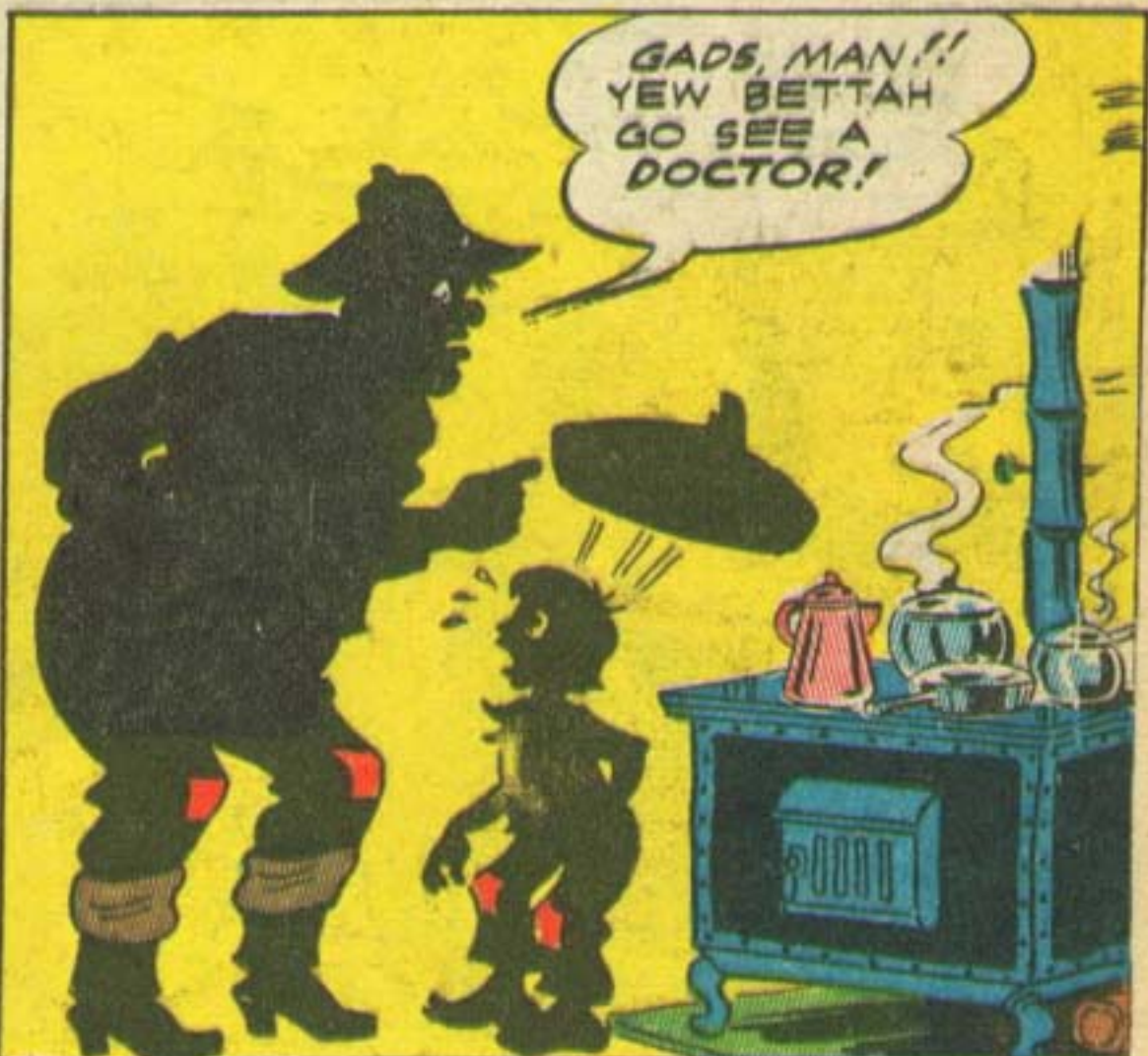
YEAH! HAVE YOU GOT FROG'S LEGS, PODNER?

OH NO, SEÑOR! MY RHEUMATISM, SHE MAKE ME WALK THRES WAY !!



WAL, WHUT YEW GOT TO OFFER US, ANYHOW?

OH, I HAVE.. BOILED TONGUE, STEWED KIDNEYS, FRIED LIVER...



GADS, MAN!! YEW BETTAH GO SEE A DOCTOR!



ROBBIN' BANKS, CALLS FOR BRAIN WORK! HAIN'T YEW GOT SOME BRAIN FOOD.. LIKE FISH, OR SOMETHIN' ?



SORRY, SEÑOR, NO FEEESH.. BOOT I COULD GIVE YOU NOODLE ZOUP !!



SIESTA, GET TO THE KITCHEN, AN' RUSTLE UP SOMETHIN' ANYTHIN' BUT GET A MOVE ON!

YIPE!! S. SI, SI, SEÑOR DEAD HEAD!



NOW, SOON AS YEW BOYS, GET A MEAL UNDAH YORE BELTS, WE'LL HEAD FER FLATROCK CITY!

YEAH, WE'S RARIN' TO MAKE THET "WITHDRAWL" FROM THEIR BANK!!

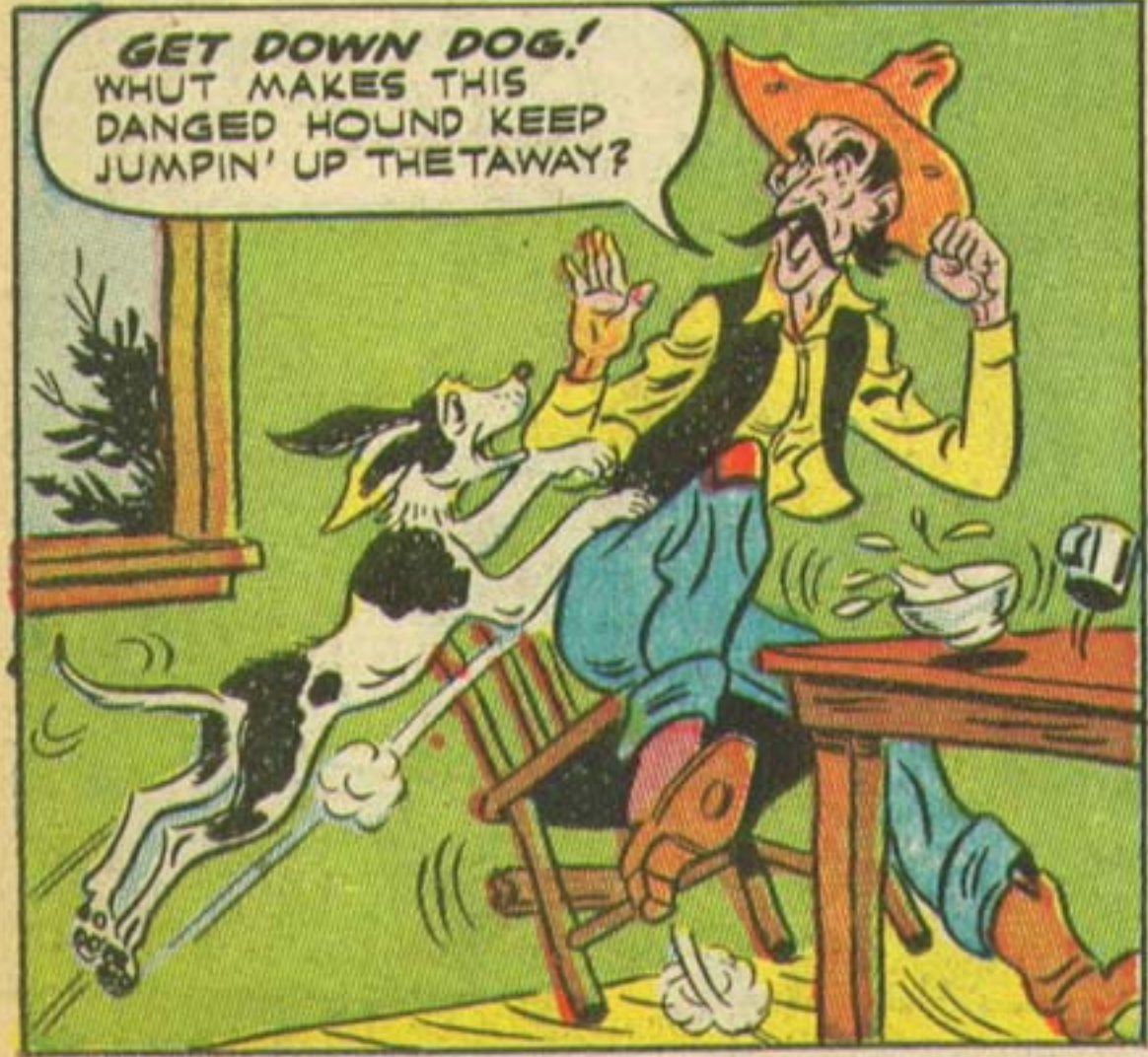


HA! SIESTA HAS PREPARED WAN MOS' BEAUTIFUL BANQUET FOR THE SEÑORAS! FIRST COURSE EES THE ZOUP!



HEY, SIESTA, WHUT'S ALL THESE DIRTY BLACK SPECKS IN MY SOUP?

HUH? OH, ER. VITAMINS, MOS' PROBABLY, SEÑOR!

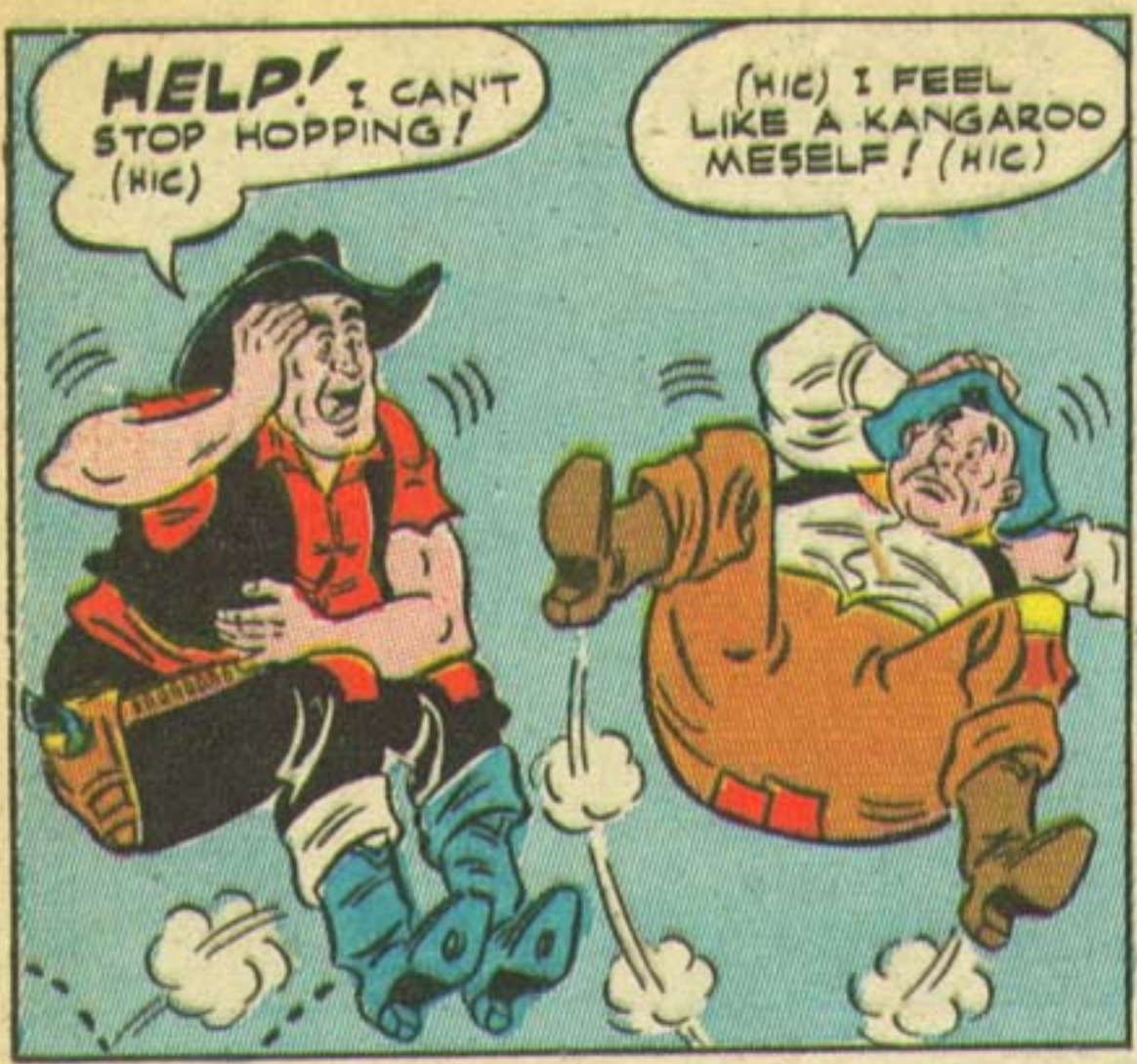


GET DOWN DOG! WHUT MAKES THIS DANGED HOUND KEEP JUMPIN' UP THETAWAY?



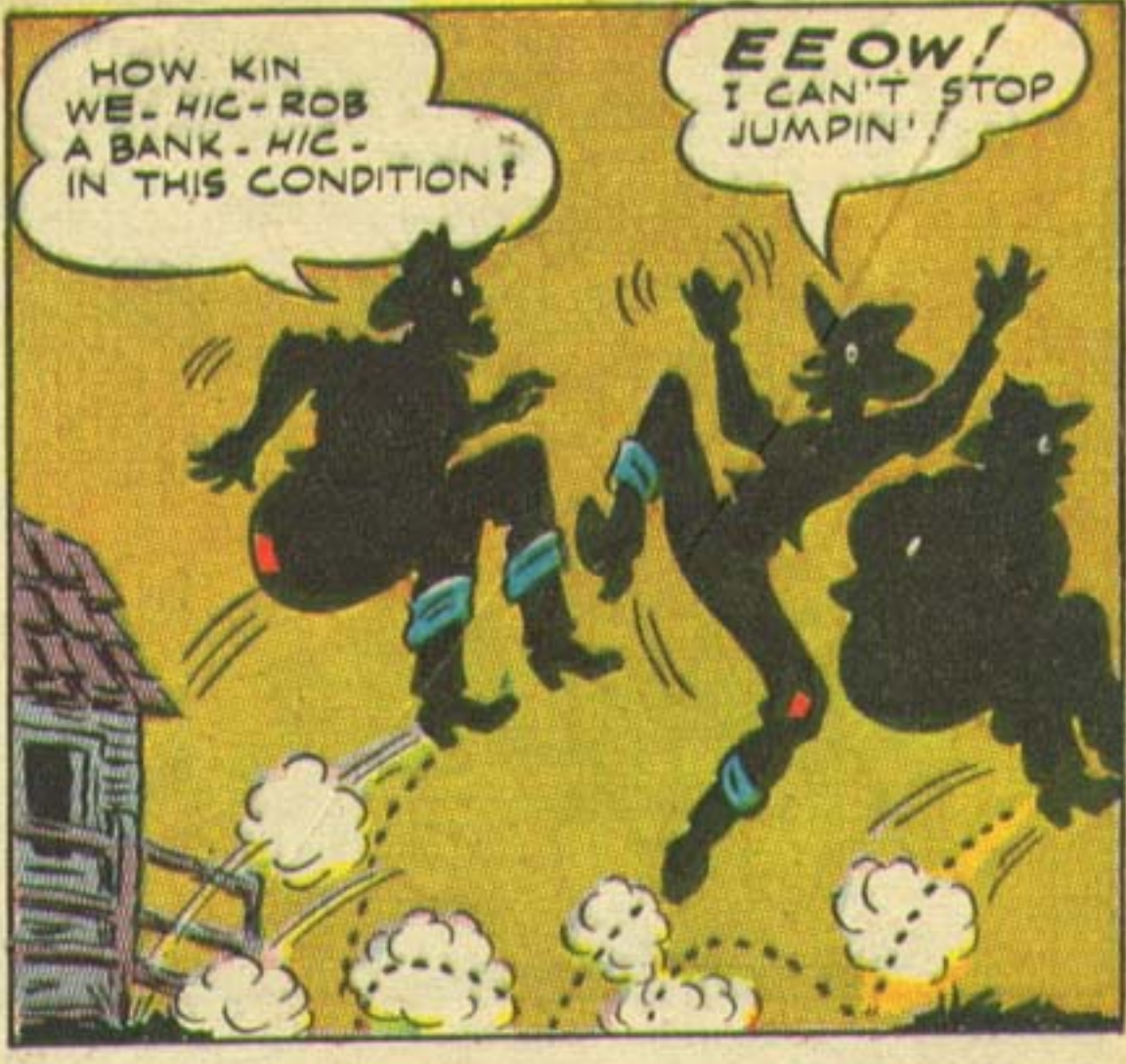
OH, THAT EES NOTHEENG, SEÑOR! EET EES ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE HEES DEESH!





HELP! I CAN'T STOP HOPPING!
(HIC)

(HIC) I FEEL LIKE A KANGAROO MESELF!
(HIC)



HOW KIN WE-HIC-ROB A BANK-HIC- IN THIS CONDITION?

EEOW!
I CAN'T STOP JUMPIN'!



(HIC) ET'S THE DIRTY WORK OF THET DANGED LI'L SIESTA-(HIC)

LE'S (HIC) PLUG.. (HIC) HIM!



THEES EES WHERE I COME EEN AT..

ZING
BANG
ZING



(PUFF, PUFF) LUCKY FOR ME THEIR AIM WAS SPOILED BY THE FOOLISH HOPPING AROUND THEY WERE DOING! WONDER WHAT WAS EEN THAT COFFEE ANYWAY!



OH WEEL, FIRST I TAKE A LEETLE NAP. THEN I GO WARN THE BANK OF THE DESPERADOS!
OH-HUMMM...

BUT LITTLE DOES SEÑOR SIESTA KNOW THAT AT THE MOMENT A DEADLY LANCE IS POISED AT HIS HEART! BE WITH US NEXT MONTH!

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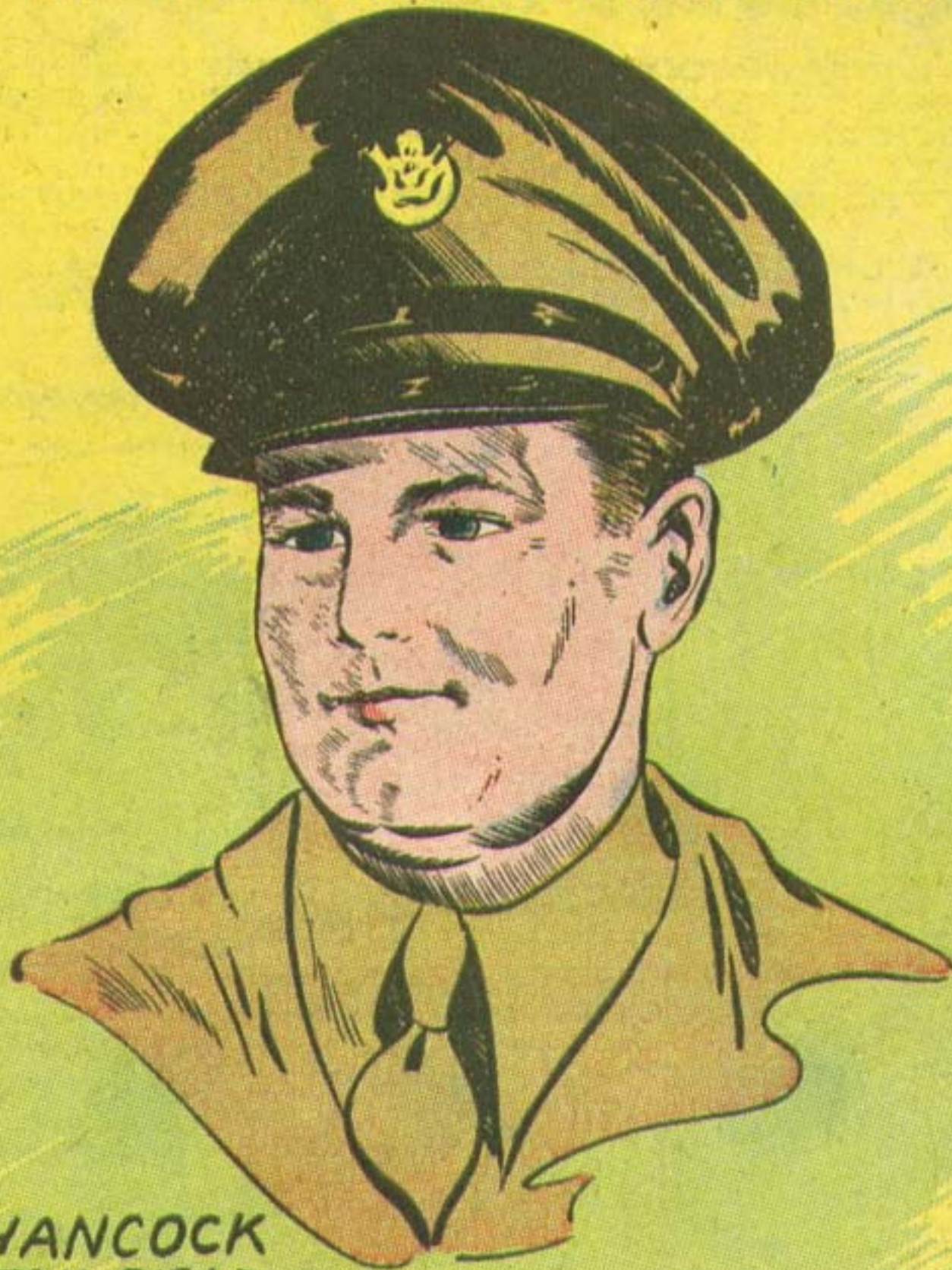


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SNOOP MCGOOK

THE SOUPY
SLEUTH

BY
HUBBELL

DRIVING THROUGH THE HILLS IS THAT EMINENT PRIVATE DETECTIVE, SNOOP MCGOOK —



WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH POP? THAT LAST LETTER HE WROTE SOUNDED LIKE HE WAS GOING NUTS.

ALL I COULD GET OUT OF IT WAS THAT HE WANTED ME TO COME RIGHT DOWN TO EAST SCURVY TO SEE HIM



WELL, HERE WE ARE - STILL LOOKS THE SAME (SNIFF) JUST LIKE WHEN I WAS A KID



IT'LL BE NICE TO SEE THE OLD GENT AGAIN - I AIN'T SEEN HIM NOW FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS



HA! I GOTCHA THIS TIME! STICK 'EM UP!

ULP!



SNOOP! HOWDY, YOUNGSTER! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

(GULP!) Y-Y-YOU ARE?

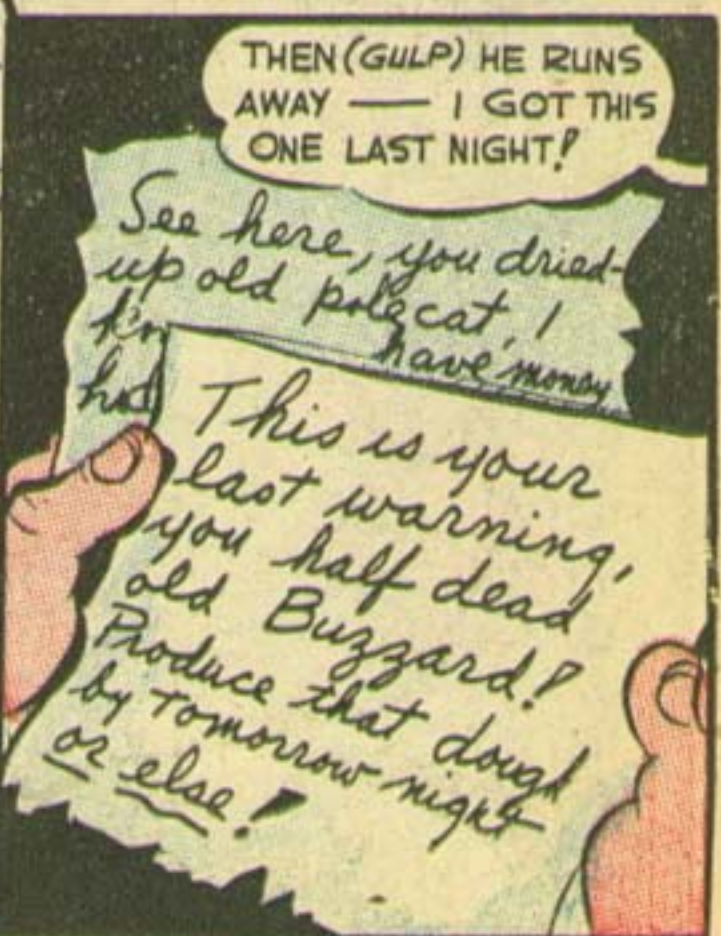


YEP! THEY'S FEARFUL GOIN'S ON GOIN' ON HERE, SON! SOMEBODY'S BEEN SENDING ME THREATENING LETTERS. THERE AIN'T A DAY GOES BY THAT I DON'T GET ONE!



GOSH! HOW'D YOU GET ALL THOSE BUMPS ON YOUR HEAD?

EVERY NIGHT ABOUT THIS TIME THERE'S A KNOCK AT THE DOOR - WHEN I ANSWER IT, THE MAN HANDS ME ONE OF THESE LETTERS, THEN HE HITS ME ON THE HEAD WITH A BIG CLUB!



THEN (GULP) HE RUNS AWAY — I GOT THIS ONE LAST NIGHT!

See here, you dried-up old polecat, I have money
had This is your last warning, you half dead old Buzzard! Produce that dough by tomorrow night or else!



(SNIFF) MY PORE OL' HEAD CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE OF HIS B-BASHIN'! - SOB!

DON'T WORRY, POP, I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! HE CAN'T SCARE US! - ER - WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE? DESCRIBE HIM!



HE'S JEST ABOUT YOUR SIZE, YOUNGSTER, ONLY MORE INHUMAN LOOKIN'! HE'S GOT A BIG RED BEARD, AN' BIG MUSCLES, AN' HE CARRIES A BIG CLUB!



HE'S STRONG AS A OX, TOO, BUT, LIKE YOU SAID, HE CAN'T SCARE US! HE AIN'T GOT THE MCGOOK COURAGE!

(GULP!) N-NEITHER HAVE I!

THAT MUST BE HIM NOW!

KNOCK KNOCK



HEE! HEE! WILL THAT FIEND BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU OPEN THE DOOR! - ER - YOU AIN'T SCARED ARE YOU, SON?

D-D-DON'T BE SILLY! D-DO I LOOK S-S-SCARED?



WH-WH-WHO'S T-THERE? - WELL, I'M A MONKEY'S UNCLE - NOBODY HERE!



BOP! OUCH!

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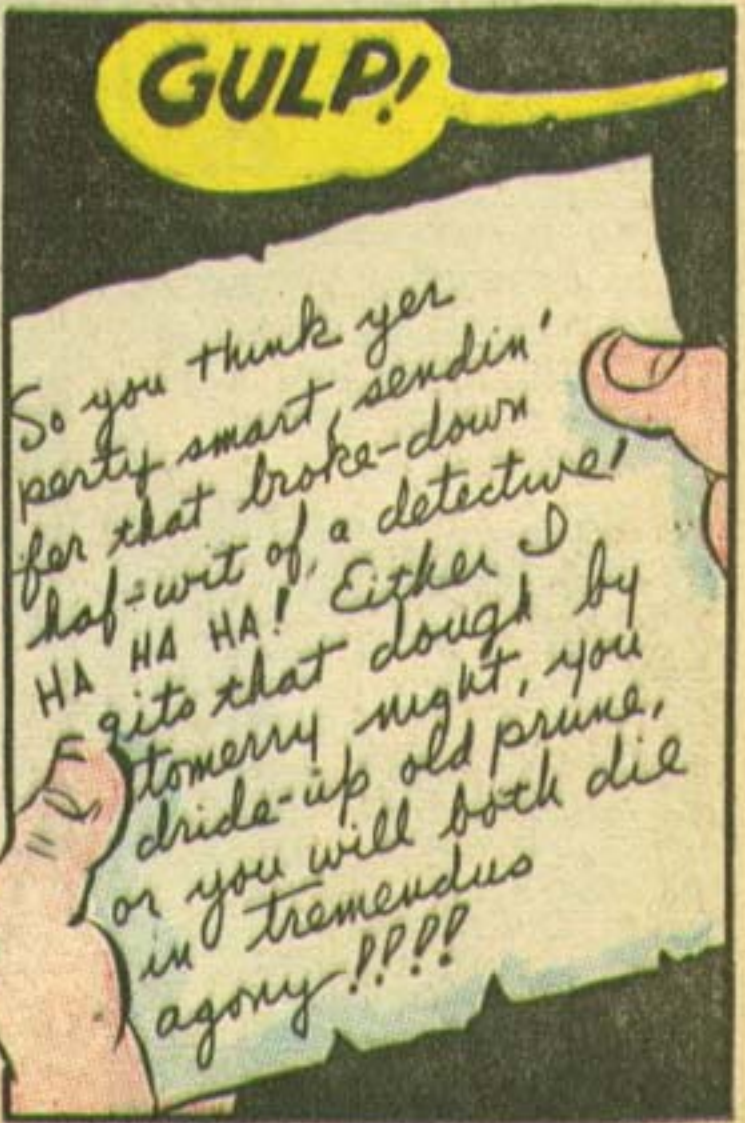
OH H! MY HEAD!

POP! WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU HURT?



SOON AS YOU LEFT, I HEARD A NASTY LAUGH COMIN' FROM THE WINDOW! IT WAS THAT RED BEARDED RAT! HE BOPPED ME ON THE HEAD AGAIN AN' LEFT ANOTHER NOTE!

GOSH! WHAT DOES IT SAY?



GULP!

So you think yer party smart, sendin' for that broke-down hab-wit of a detective! HA HA HA! Either I gits that dough by stomerry night, you dride-up old prune, or you will both die in tremendous agony! P.P.P!





MIDNIGHT!- AND THE SILENCE OVER EAST SCURVY IS BROKEN BY A SINISTER SHADOW SKULKING THROUGH THE MOONLIGHT TOWARD THE MCGOOK ESTATE





HA! SO FAR SO GOOD!
NOW TO.....



WELL AS I LIVE AND BREATH!



HIC! ALL GONE!
WHAT A PITY!
OOOH LOOK— A MIRROR...!
HIC!



NOTHIN' LIKE A NEAT APPEARANCE WHEN BOPPIN' PEOPLE ON THE HEAD!
HIC!



AW SHUT UP!
RECOGNIZE ME? I'M YOUR OTHER SELF!
AN' I'M GONNA MAKE A FEW CHANGES AROUND HERE!
HIC?



YOU'VE BEEN PULLING THIS BOPPING STUFF LONG ENOUGH, SEE? WHY, YOU OUGHTA BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, YOU OLD REPROBATE.
??



IF YOU DON'T BEHAVE YOURSELF, AND APOLOGIZE TO THAT POOR OLD MAN, I'M GONNA HAUNT YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR MISERABLE LIFE! AN' FURTHERMORE—
I MUST BE SEEN' THINGS!



SO! I'VE BEEN EXPECTIN' YOU! PUT 'EM UP!

ULP! DON'T SHOOT!
I'LL CONFESS!
I'M YOUR SECOND COUSIN, CROOK MCGOOK!



CROOK MCGOOK? COUSIN GERTIE'S PROBLEM CHILD? WELL, I'LL BE A...!

YEAH! SEE? I JUST GOT OUTA TH' "BIG HOUSE" I NEEDED SOME CASH!
YEP! I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THE PUSS BEHIND THAT DISGUISE!

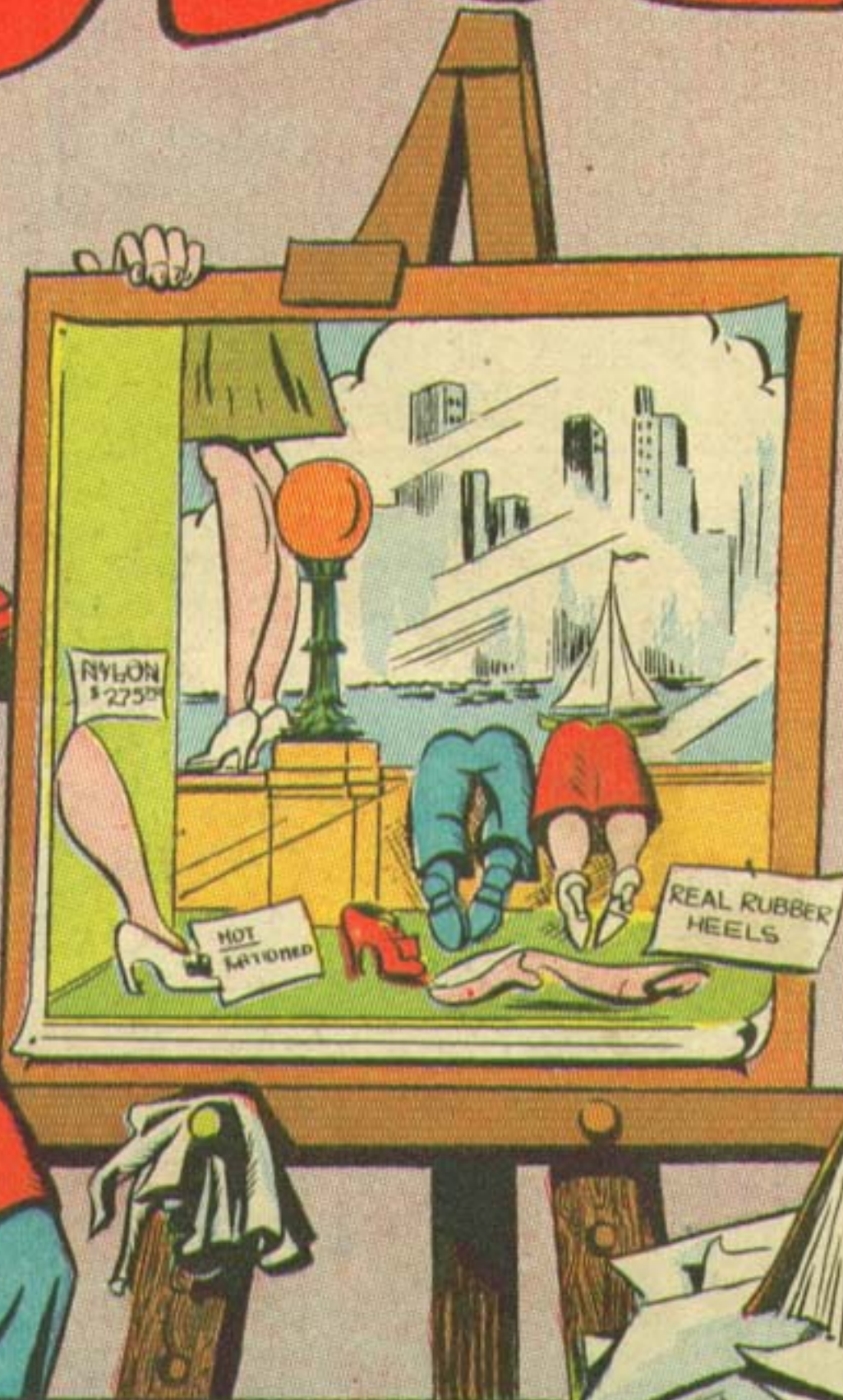
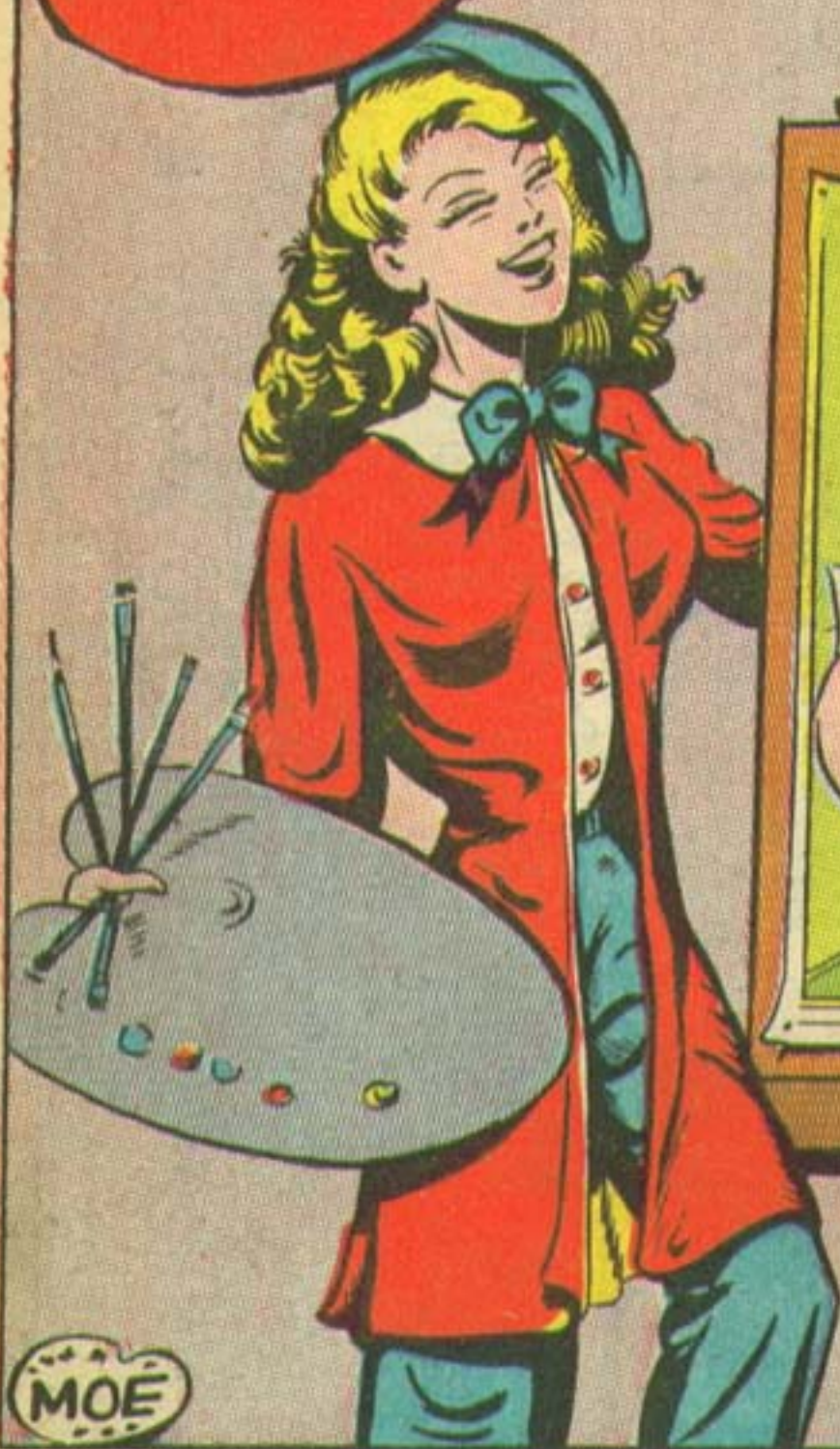


POP! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE SPANKED HIM ENOUGH?

NOPE! SEEMS LIKE THE MORE I DO IT, THE BETTER I LIKE IT!

NEXT MONTH SNOOP TACKLES THE MOST BAFFLING CASE IN HIS ENTIRE HILARIOUS CAREER!

SUZIE



HERE WE GO AGAIN!
 SUZIE'S GOT HERSELF A NEW JOB!
 THIS TIME AS A WINDOW DISPLAY ARTIST IN A FASHION SHOP!
 BY THIS TIME, YOU KNOW SUZIE LIKE WE KNOW SUZIE SO BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST!

MOE



YES, YOUR LADYSHIP WE HAVE JUST THE DRESS AND HAT TO FIT YOUR PERSONALITY! YOU'LL BE RIGHT OVER? SPLENDID!

ABOUT THESE SKETCHES FOR THE NEW WINDOW DISPLAY-- MADAM FIFI--



NEVER MIND THAT NOW SUZIE! HELP ME PREPARE FOR LADY PUDDLE DUDDLE!

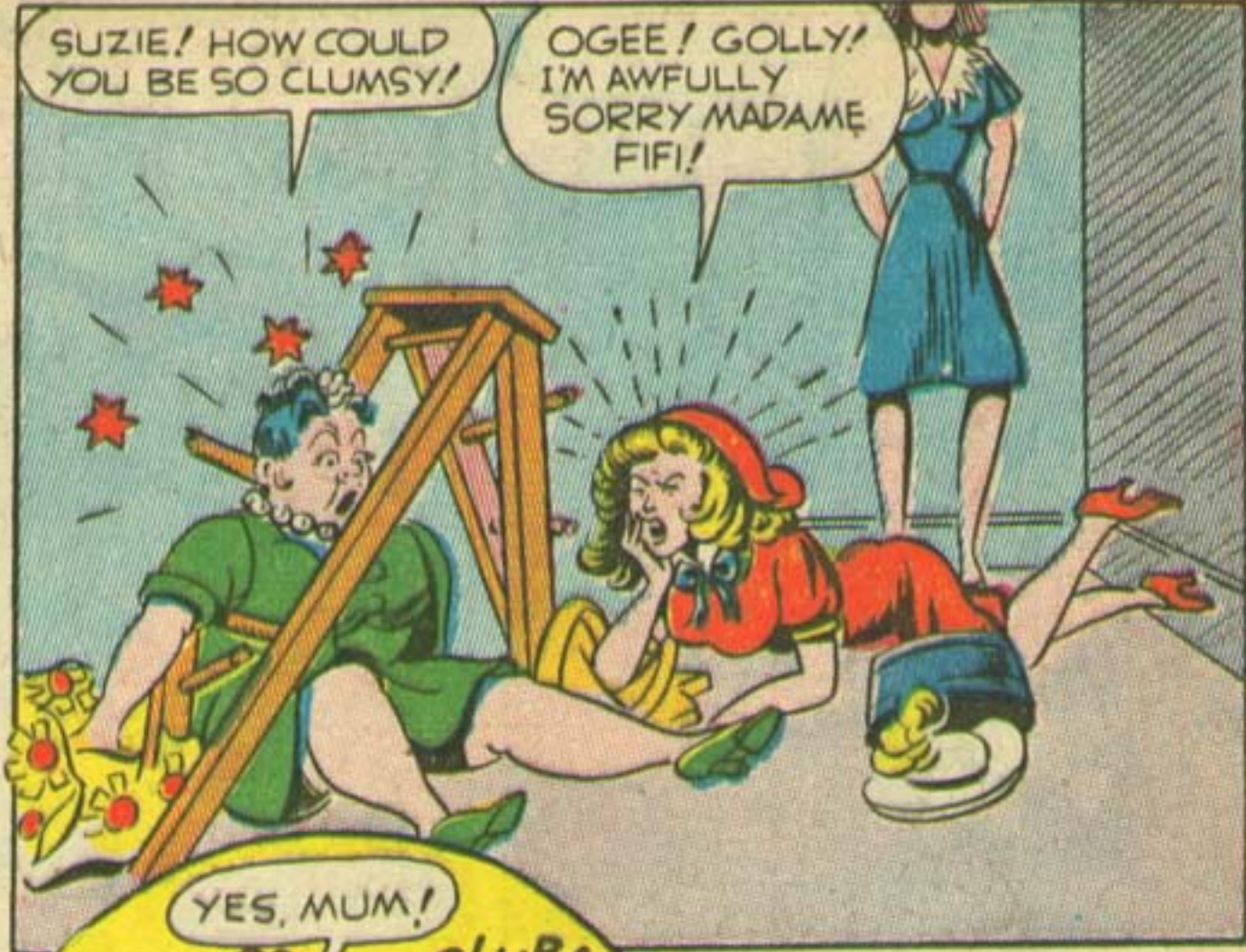


FETCH ME THAT NEW HAT CREATION THAT CAME IN TODAY, LIKE A DEAR!



'AH--THIS IS JUST THE GOWN FOR HER LADYSHIP!

OOO--- THIS LADDER IS SHAKY! I-- I--

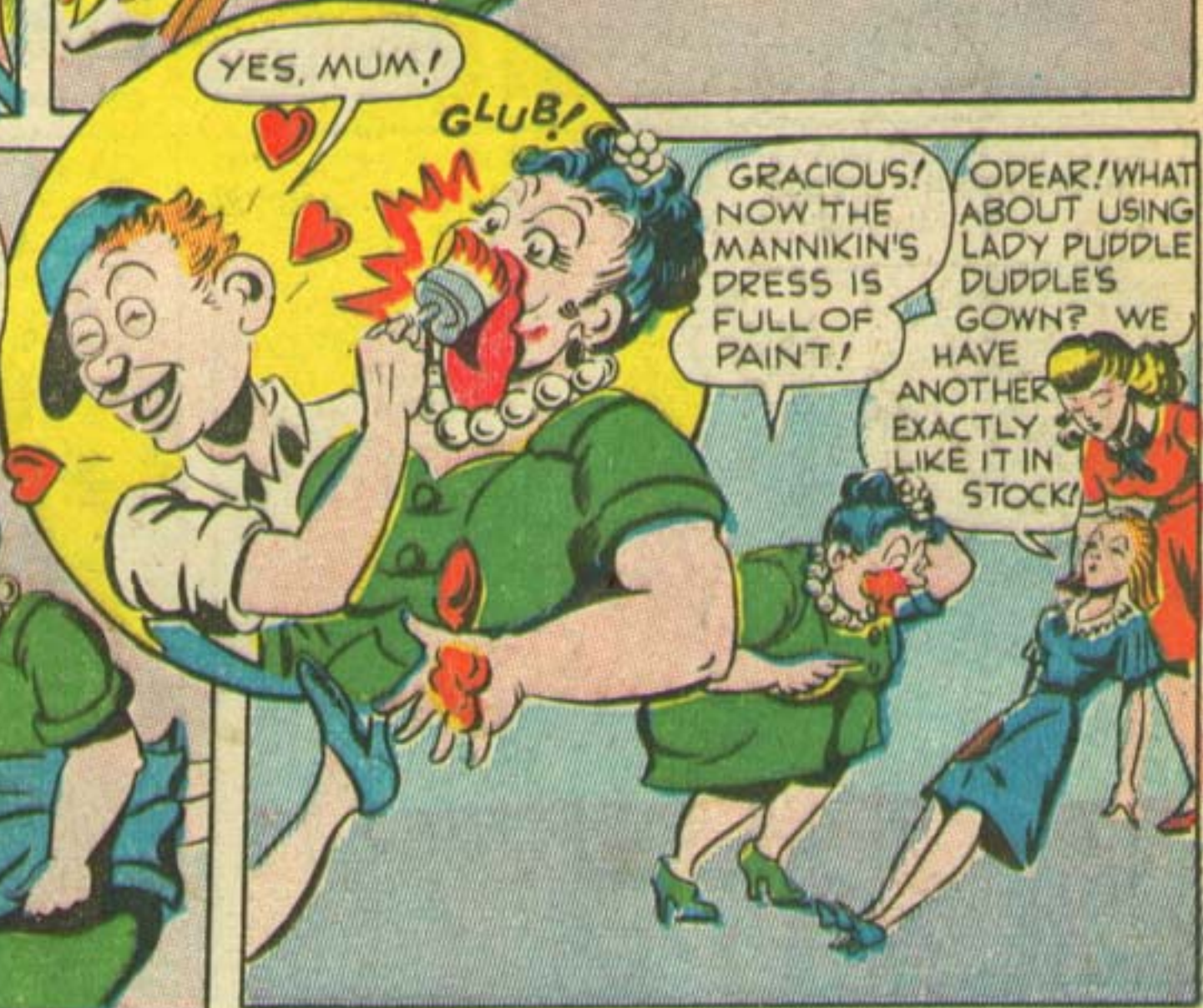


SUZIE! HOW COULD YOU BE SO CLUMSY!

OGEE! GOLLY! I'M AWFULLY SORRY MADAME FIFI!



ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE YOU'D BETTER NOT HELP ME! GO DRESS YOUR WINDOW! AND YOU PAINTER--- STOP MAKING GOO GOO EYES AND FINISH YOUR WORK!



YES, MUM!

GLUB!

GRACIOUS! NOW THE MANNIKIN'S DRESS IS FULL OF PAINT!

ODEAR! WHAT ABOUT USING LADY PUDDLE DUDDE'S GOWN? WE HAVE ANOTHER EXACTLY LIKE IT IN STOCK!

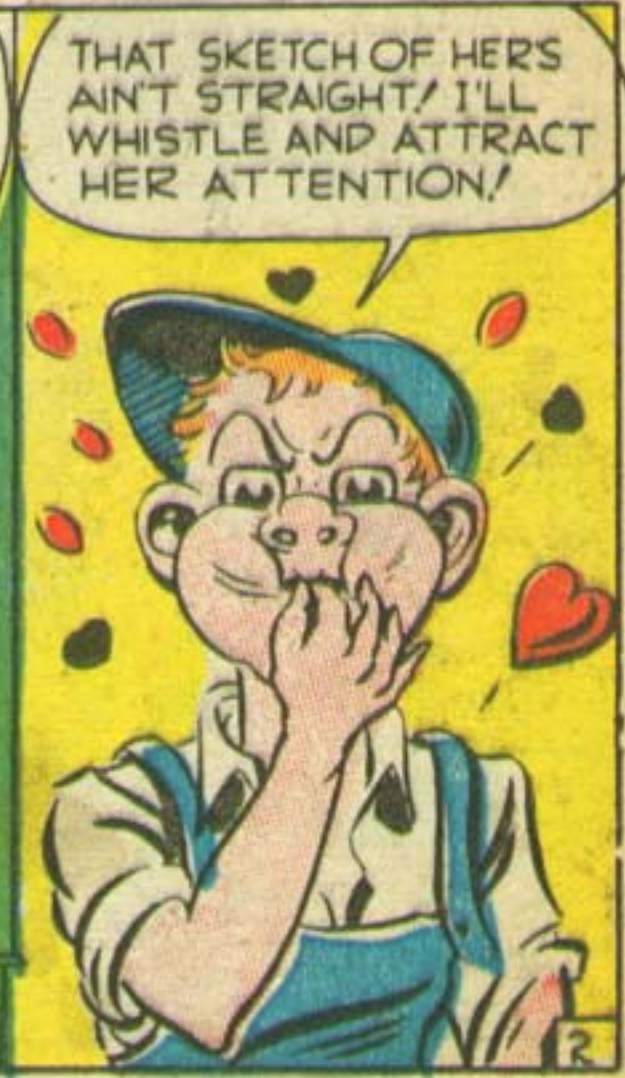


THERE! A VERY NICE JOB IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!



NOW, I'LL JUST PUT MY SKETCH RIGHT HERE, AND--

(SIGH!) SHE'S SURE PRETTY!



THAT SKETCH OF HERS AIN'T STRAIGHT! I'LL WHISTLE AND ATTRACT HER ATTENTION!



WH...WHAT WAS THAT?

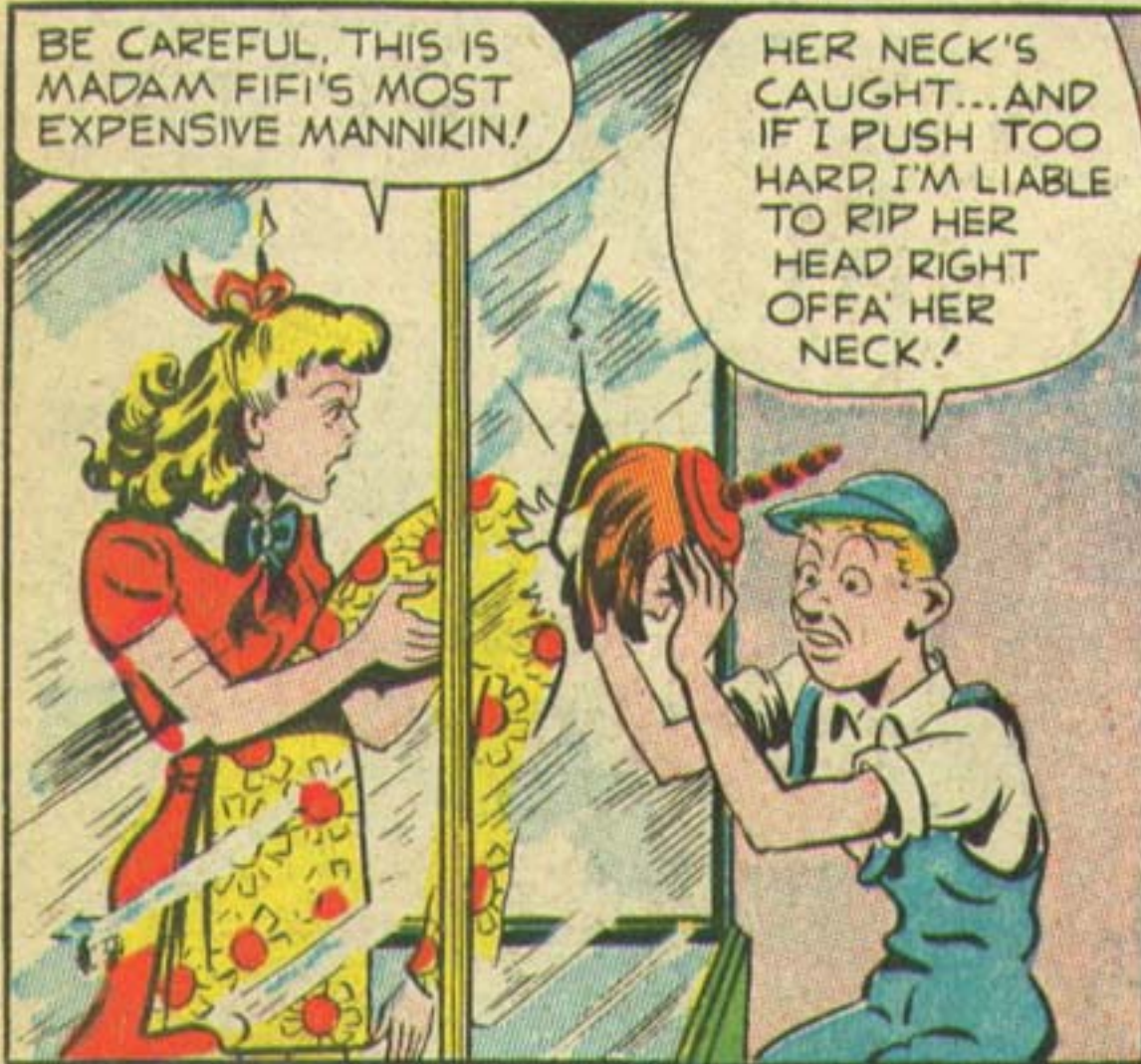
TWEET
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WOW!
I DIDN'T
THINK I'D
SCARE
SUZIE
LIKE
THAT!



NOW SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
MADAM FIFI'LL FIRE ME
FOR SURE! HELP ME
GET THAT MANNIKIN
BACK IN!



BE CAREFUL, THIS IS
MADAM FIFI'S MOST
EXPENSIVE MANNIKIN!

HER NECK'S
CAUGHT...AND
IF I PUSH TOO
HARD, I'M LIABLE
TO RIP HER
HEAD RIGHT
OFFA' HER
NECK!



OH! IT'S STARTING TO
RAIN! THE MANNIKIN
WILL BE RUINED! QUICK
YOU HOLD THIS
UMBRELLA
OVER IT!

BUT... BUT...!



BOY! DO I
FEEL STUPID!

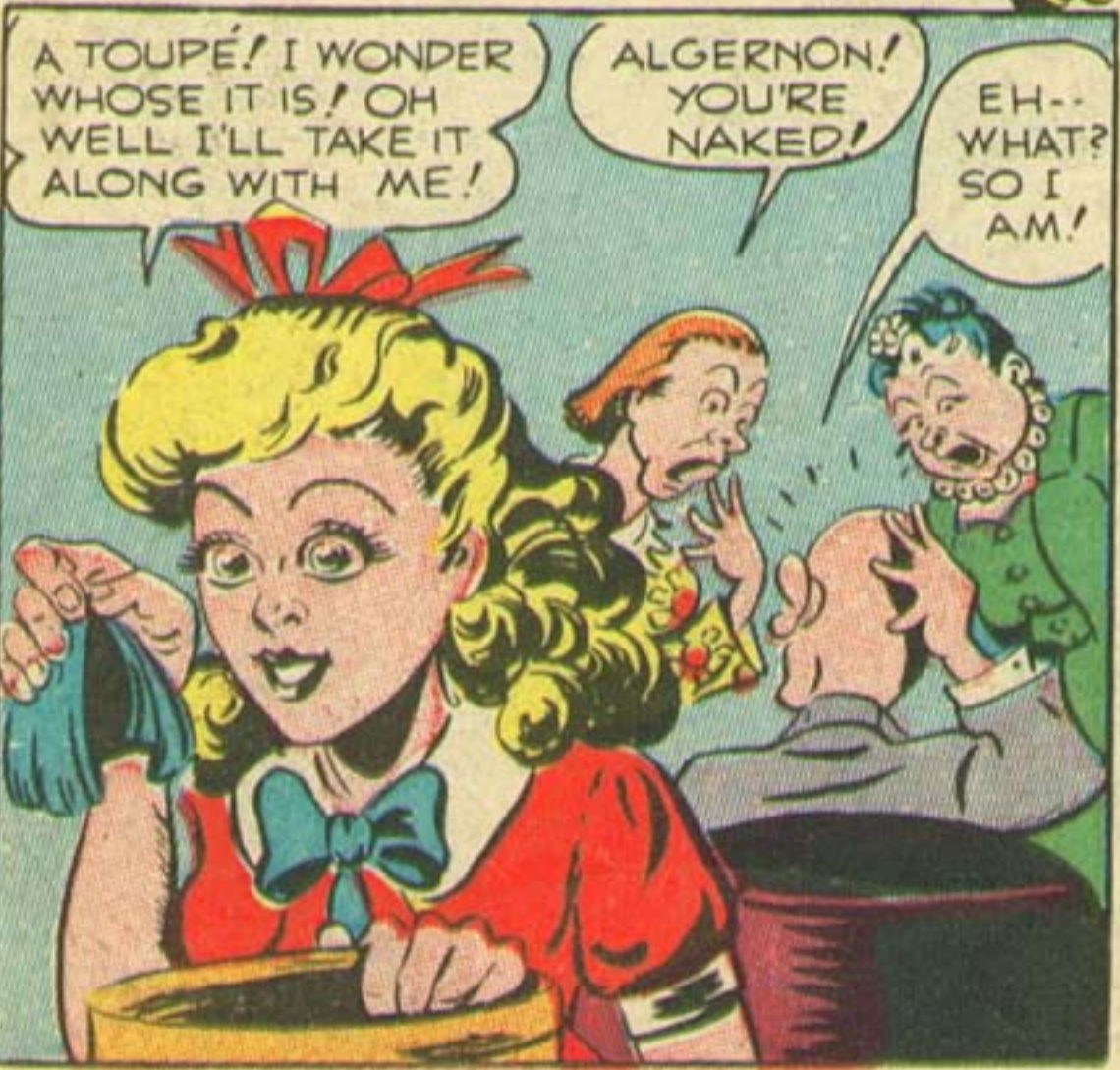
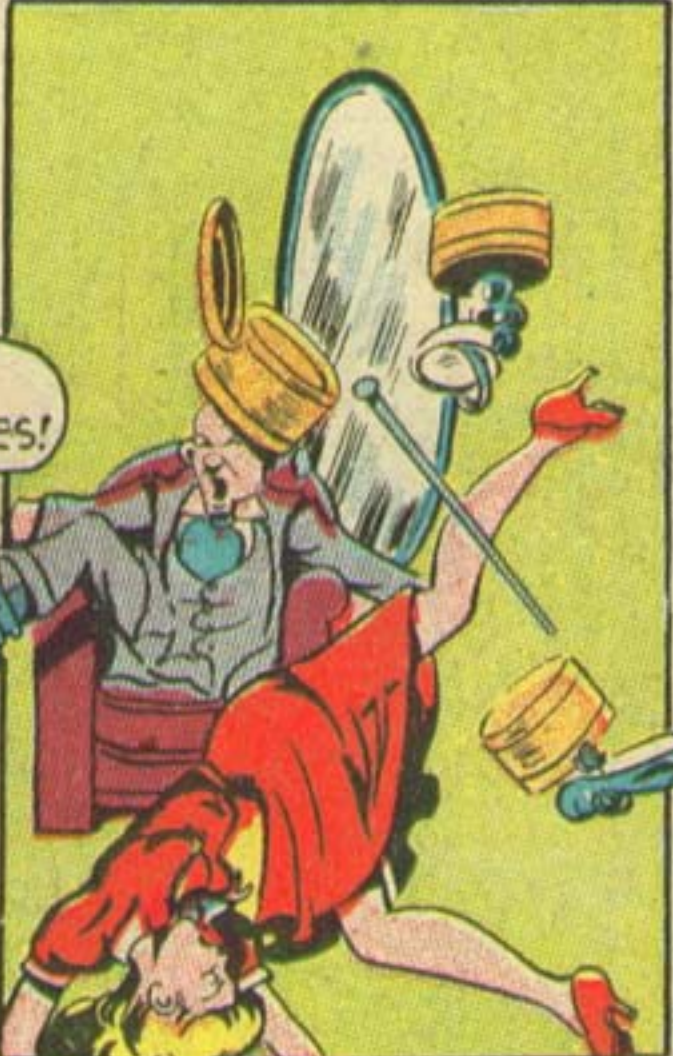
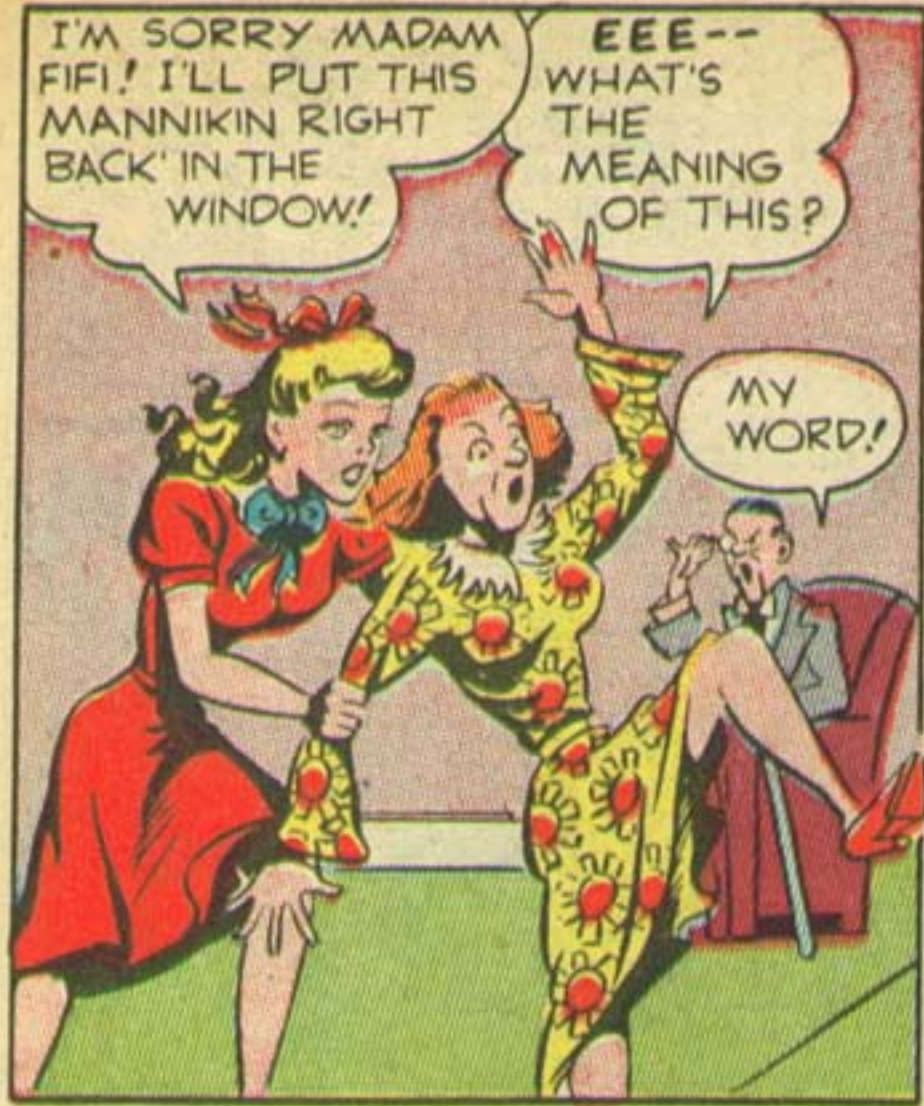
♥ WHILE INSIDE --

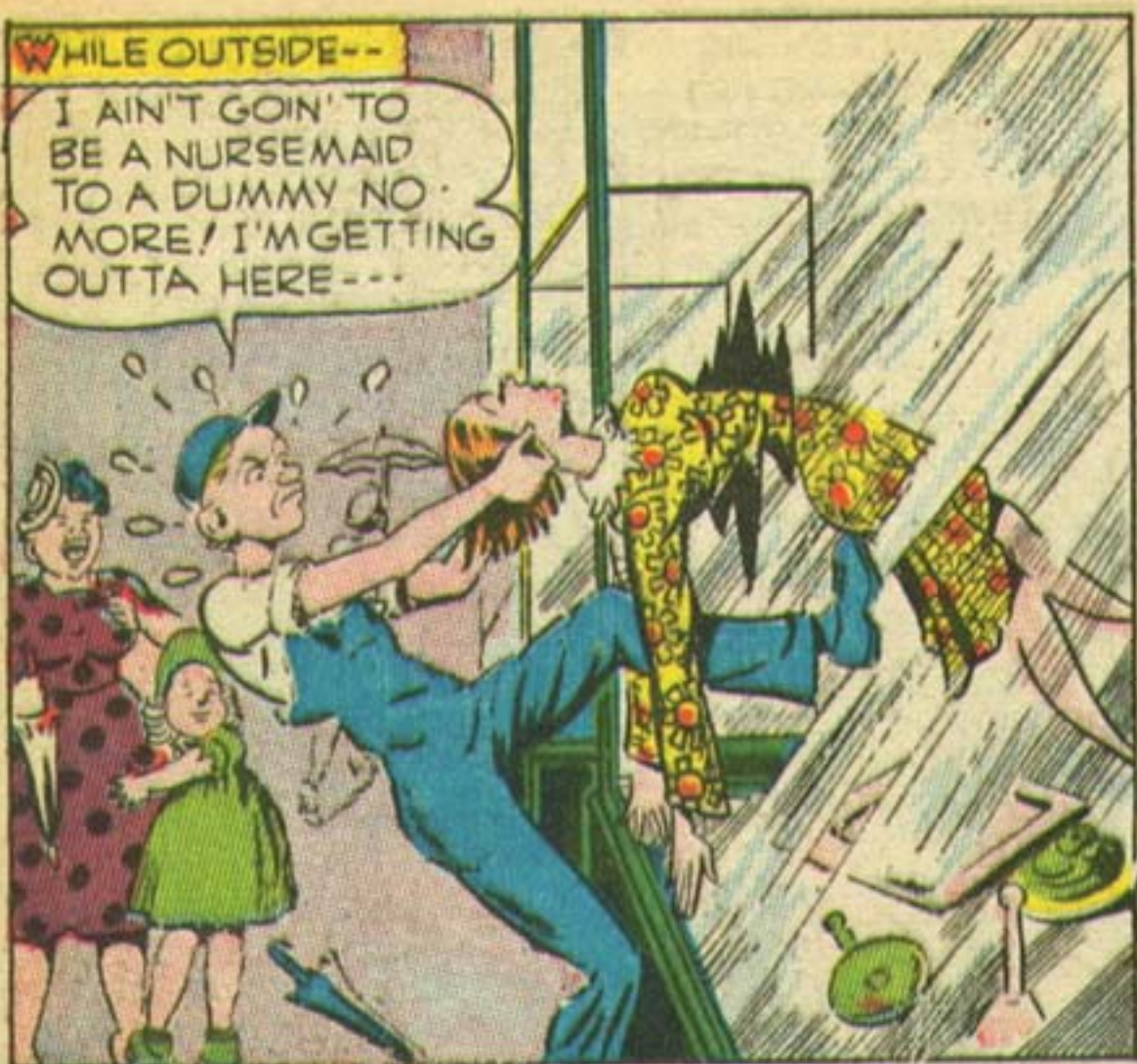


ISN'T THAT AN
EXQUISITE CREATION,
LORD FUDDLE DUDDLE?



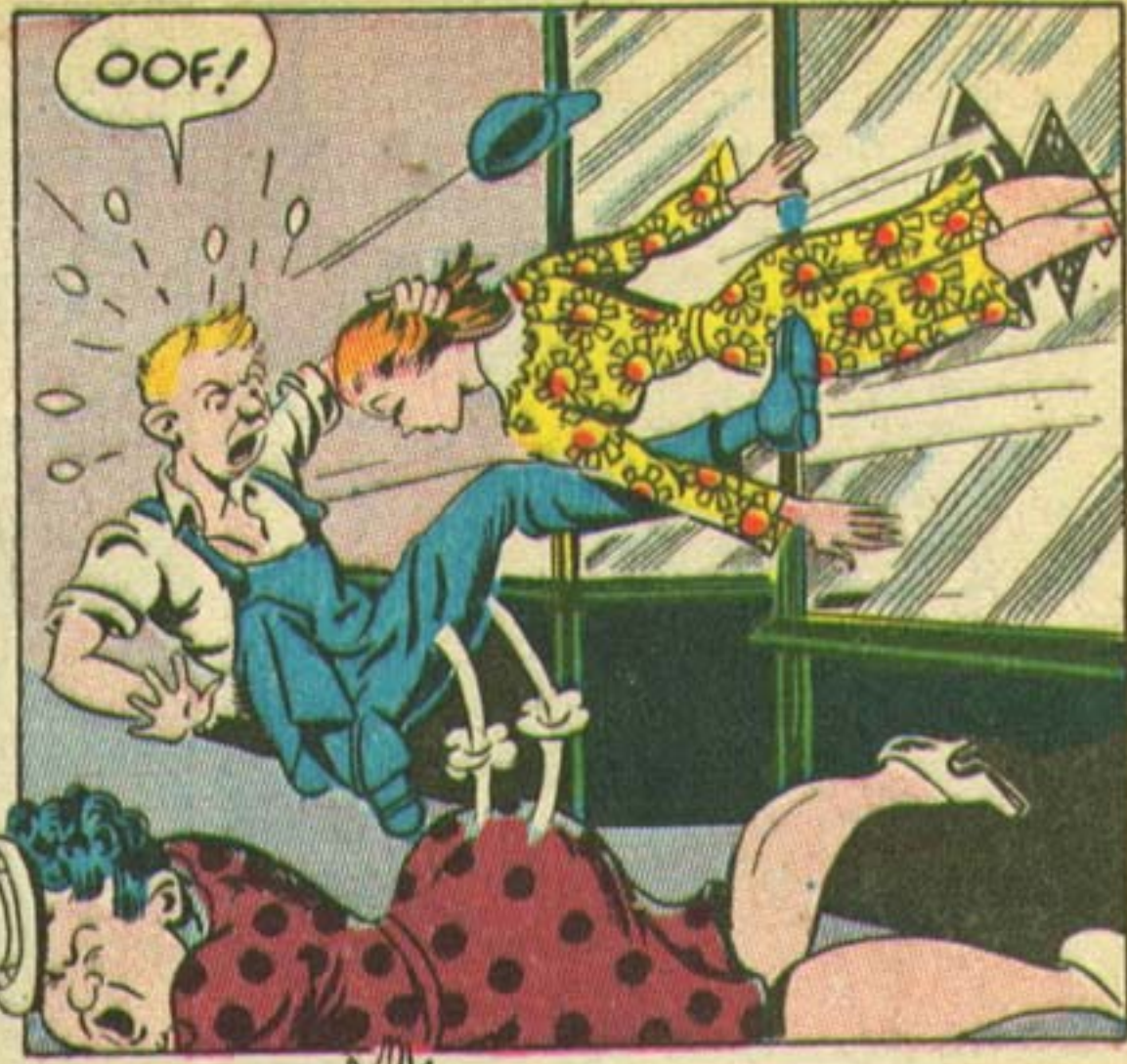
GOOD GRIEF! THE
DUMMY! HOW'D IT
GET INSIDE
THE STORE?





WHILE OUTSIDE--

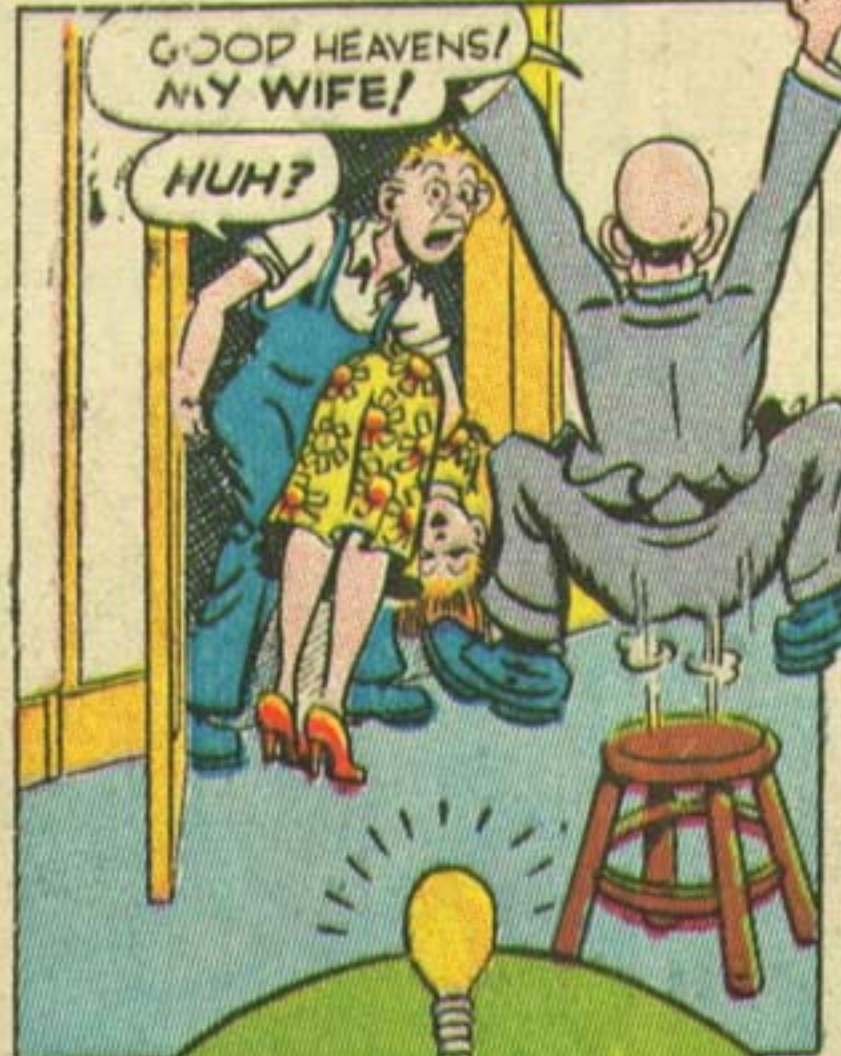
I AIN'T GOIN' TO BE A NURSEMAID TO A DUMMY NO MORE! I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE---



OOF!



INTO THE STOCK ROOM WITH YOU!



GOOD HEAVENS! MY WIFE!

HUH?



CAD, BOUNDER! I'LL HORSEWHIP YOU FOR THIS!

A WISE GUY HUH! OKAY MISTER, YER ASKIN' FER THIS!



MEANWHILE--

HMMPH...MIGHT AS WELL TRY ON A FEW HATS, WHILE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR MY HUSBAND'S TOUPE!

I'M HAVING THE PLACE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN, YOUR LADYSHIP! I'M SURE WE'LL FIND IT!

ULP... DID SHE SAY HER HUSBAND'S TOUPE?

ER...AH...IS THIS IT, LADY MUDDLE PUDDLE?

3 MONKEY-TEERS PUZZLE PAGE

TRY YOUR LUCK BUT WATCH 'EM --- THEY'RE VERY TRICKY!
THE ANSWERS ARE AT THE END OF OUR STORY...

①



HIYA!
I'M AN
ADULT...
DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
AN ADULT
IS ?

②

THIS IS A REBUS.. BY ADDING AND SUBTRACTING THE LETTERS IN THE NAMES OF OBJECTS BELOW YOU'LL HAVE A WORD THAT WILL KEEP US FROM THE BONDS OF EVIL!



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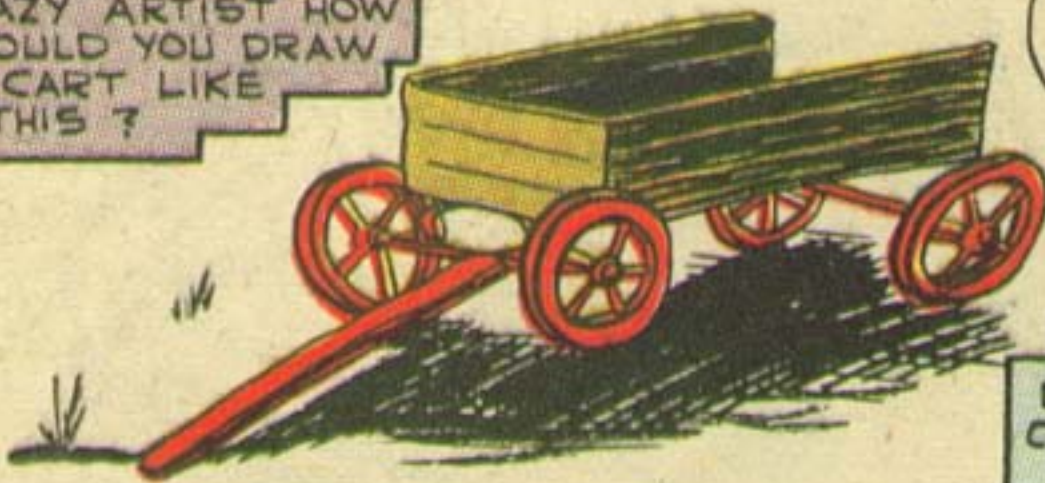
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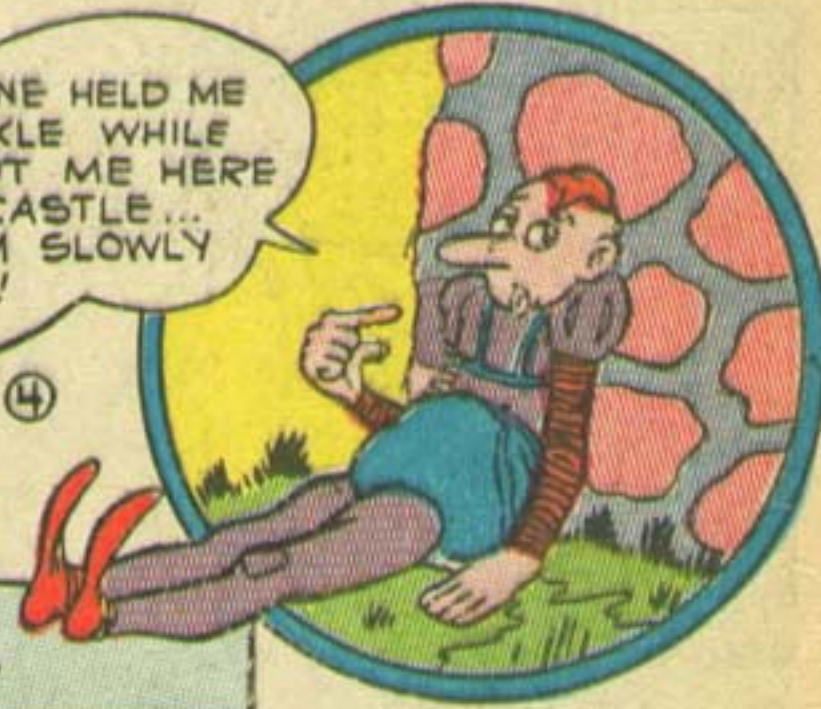
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IF YOU WERE A
LAZY ARTIST HOW
WOULD YOU DRAW
A CART LIKE
THIS ?



BLUB.. SOMEONE HELD ME
BELOW THE ANKLE WHILE
THE KING SHOT ME HERE
BEHIND THE CASTLE...
I THINK I AM SLOWLY
DYING !

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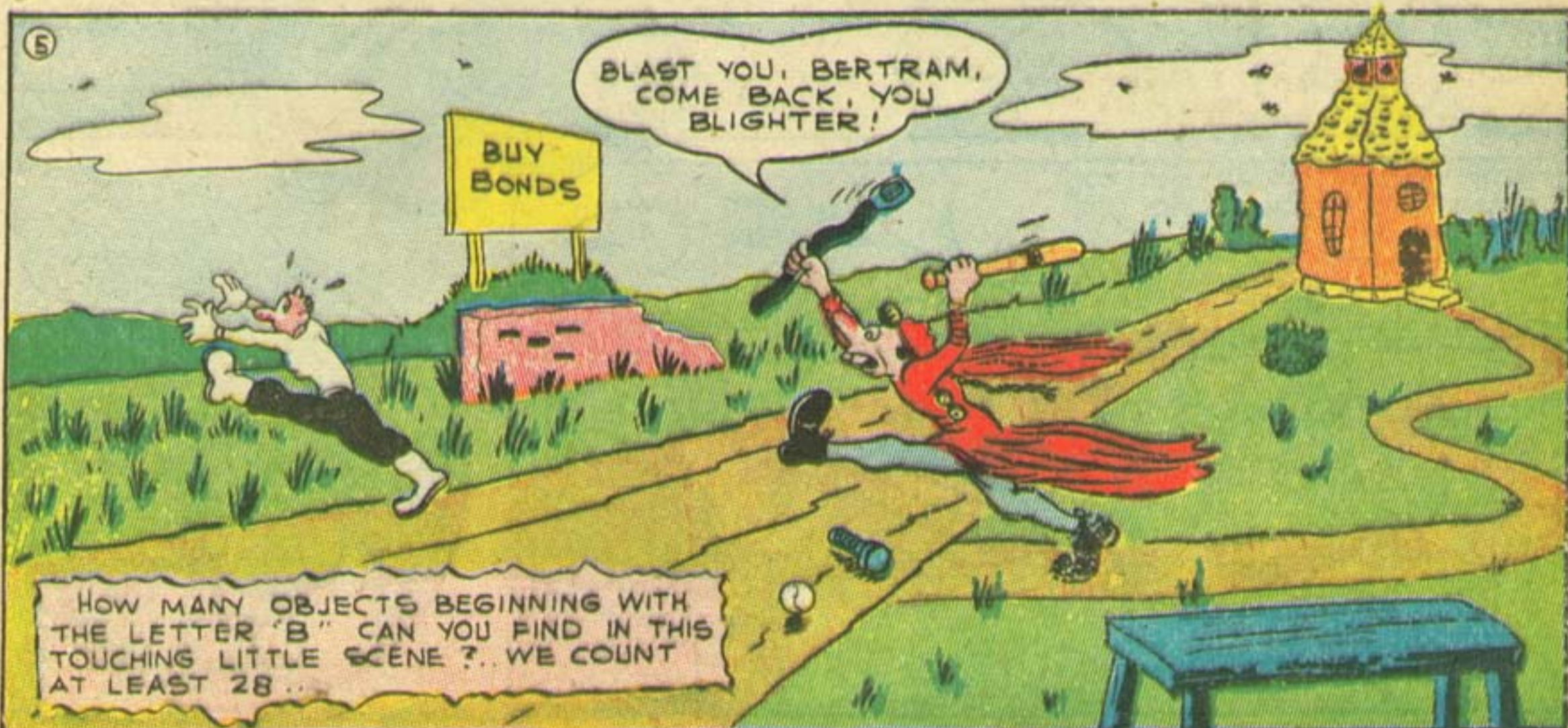


CAN YOU
EXPLAIN THIS.
CRIME IN TERMS
OF LINEAR
MEASUREMENT ?

⑤

BLAST YOU, BERTRAM,
COME BACK, YOU
BLIGHTER !

BUY
BONDS



HOW MANY OBJECTS BEGINNING WITH
THE LETTER 'B' CAN YOU FIND IN THIS
TOUCHING LITTLE SCENE ?.. WE COUNT
AT LEAST 28 ..

THE 3 MONKEY-TEERS

STUPIDMAN, WHO DISGUISES HIMSELF AS A DELICATESSEN CLERK IN ORDER TO CARRY ON HIS WORK AGAINST EVIL, HAS JUST ELUDED THE LOVE-STRUCK WITCH! THE 3 MONKEY-TEERS ARE WITH HIM...

NOW TAKE THOSE DELICIOUS TID-BITS AND GO!.. BUT NEVER, NEVER TELL A SOUL THAT I ACTUALLY AM THE GREAT, ONE AND ONLY STUPIDMAN!

PHEW!

OH

YES SIR!

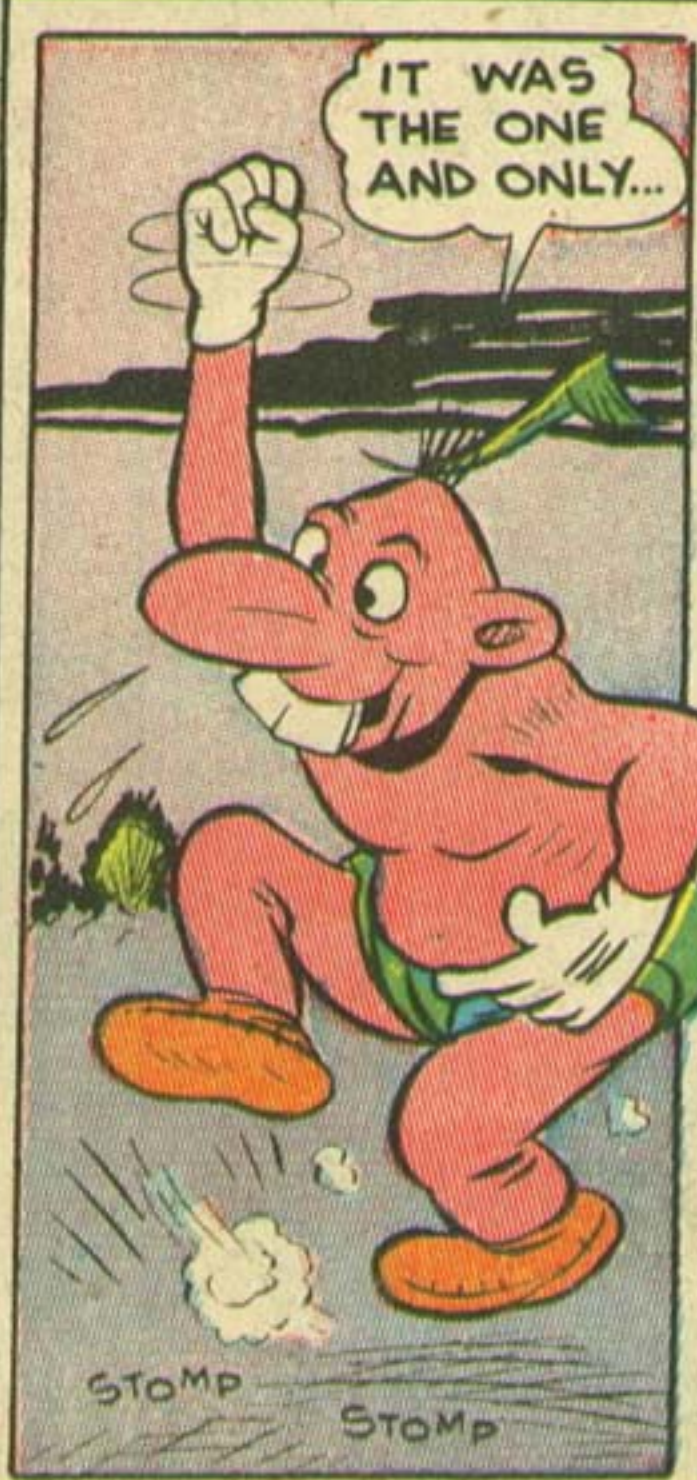
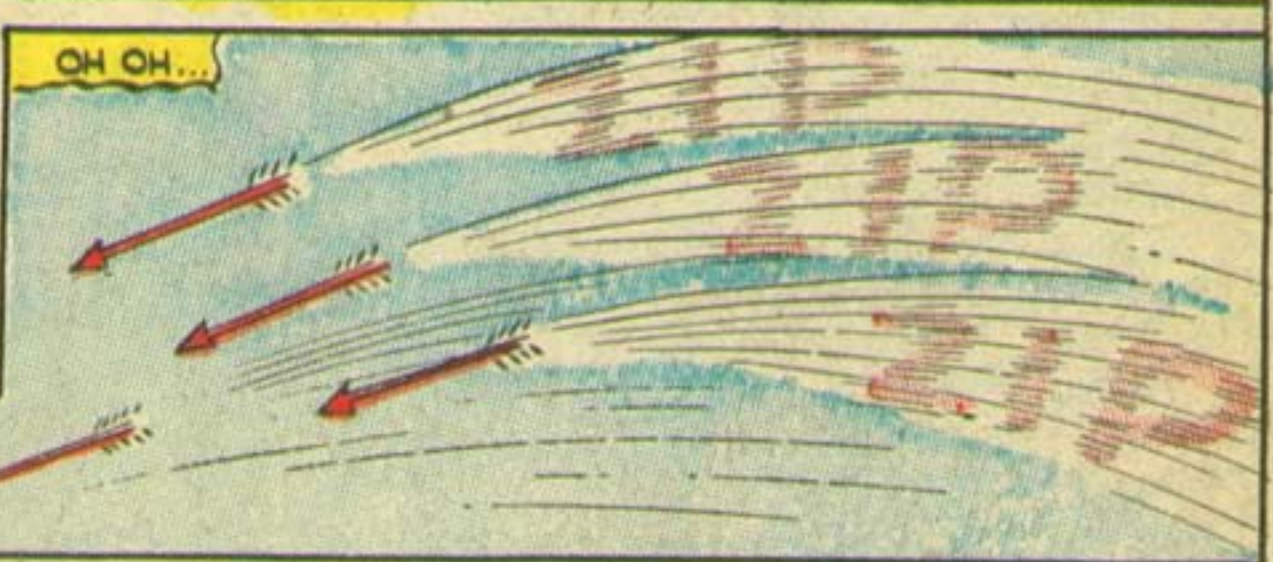


NOW WOULDN'T IT BE JUST TOO BAD IF THE WITCH FOUND HIM OUT!

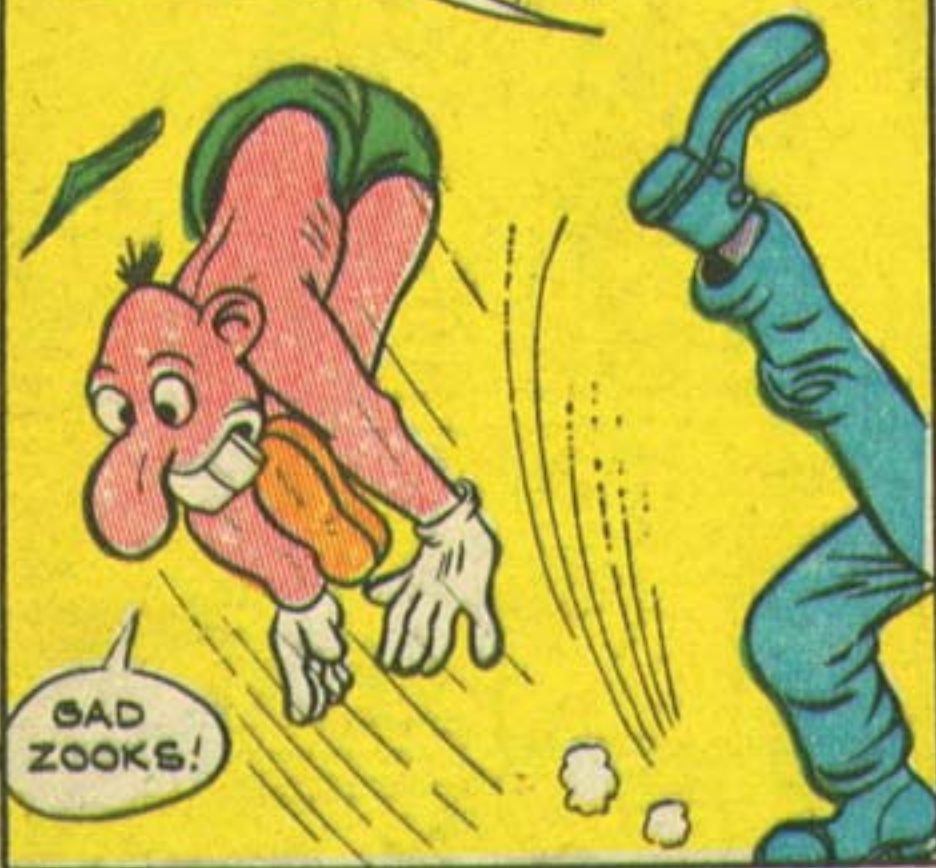
OH OH!

GOSH, LOOK WHO'S COMING ALONG!





IF YOU DON'T LIKE THIS COUNTRY WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM?



BAD ZOOKS!

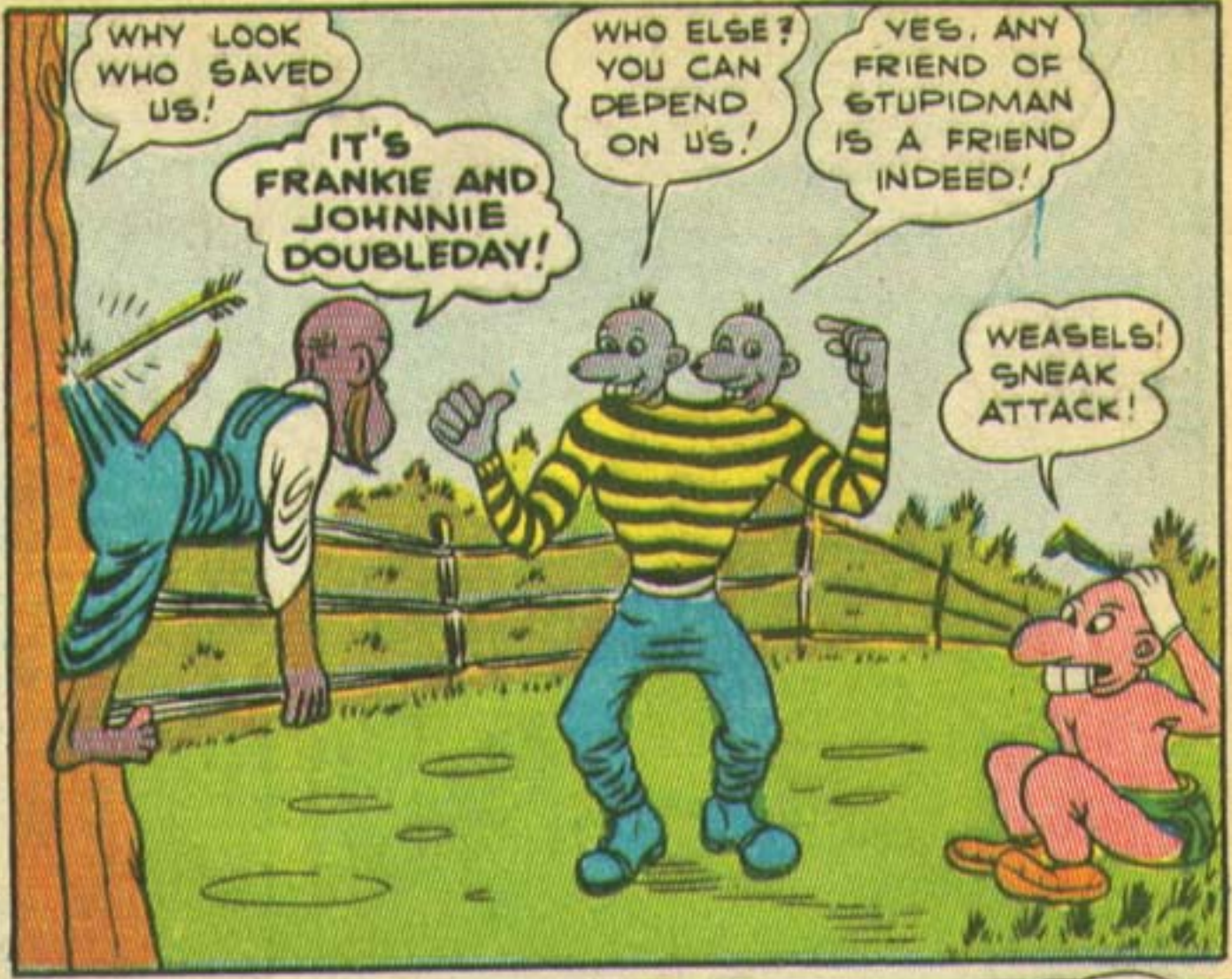
WHY LOOK WHO SAVED US!

IT'S FRANKIE AND JOHNNIE DOUBLEDAY!

WHO ELSE? YOU CAN DEPEND ON US!

YES, ANY FRIEND OF STUPIDMAN IS A FRIEND INDEED!

WEASELS! SNEAK ATTACK!

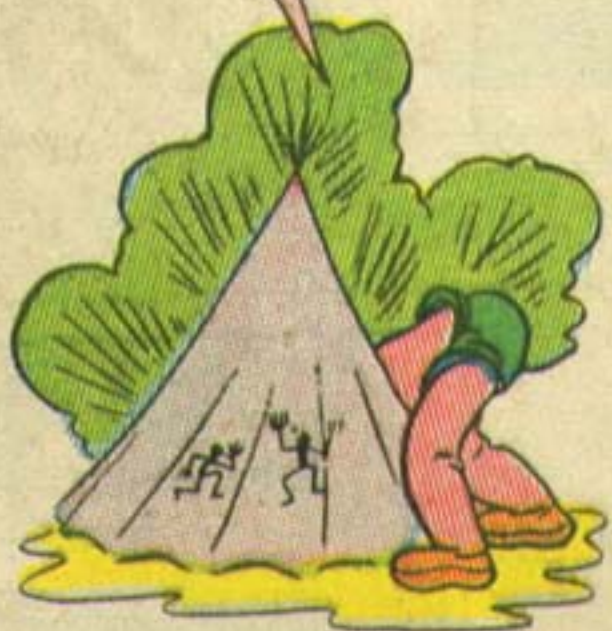


AND YOU-- LOBSTER FACE... DON'T GET SMART WITH THE KIDS!

SMART DID YOU SAY? STICK AROUND, BUCK TOOTH, AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOME PIN!



YOU MAY HAVE TO COAX ME BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT!



DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING SO FUNNY LOOKING?

WHAT'S THAT-- A PEACE PIPE?



FIRST OFF I WRITE IN SMOKE... AND THEN QUICKLY SPRAY THE LETTERS WITH MY MAGIC LIQUID TO MAKE IT SOLID!



GOOD IDEA NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT -- HEY?

DON'T GO AWAY -- THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!



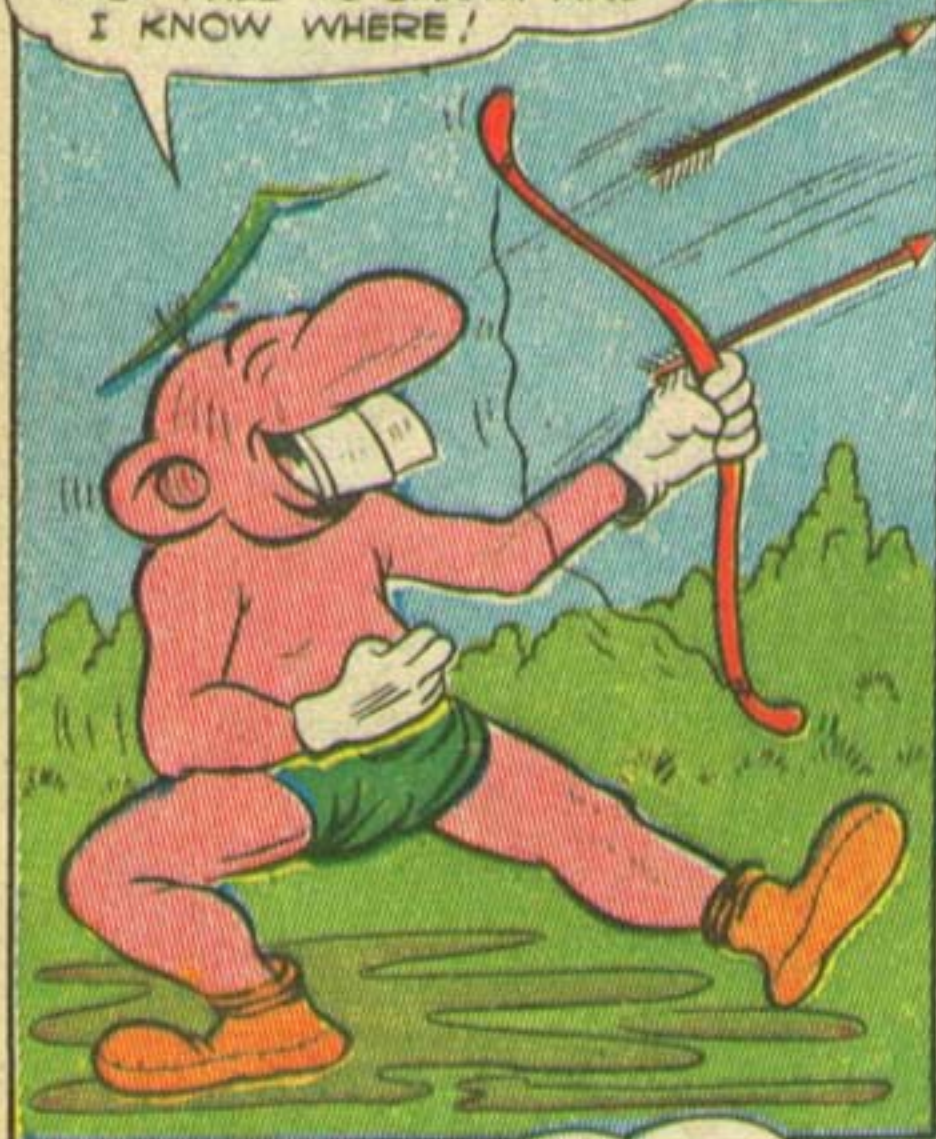
HERE, WISE GUYS, TAKE A SHOT AT THE TARGET!



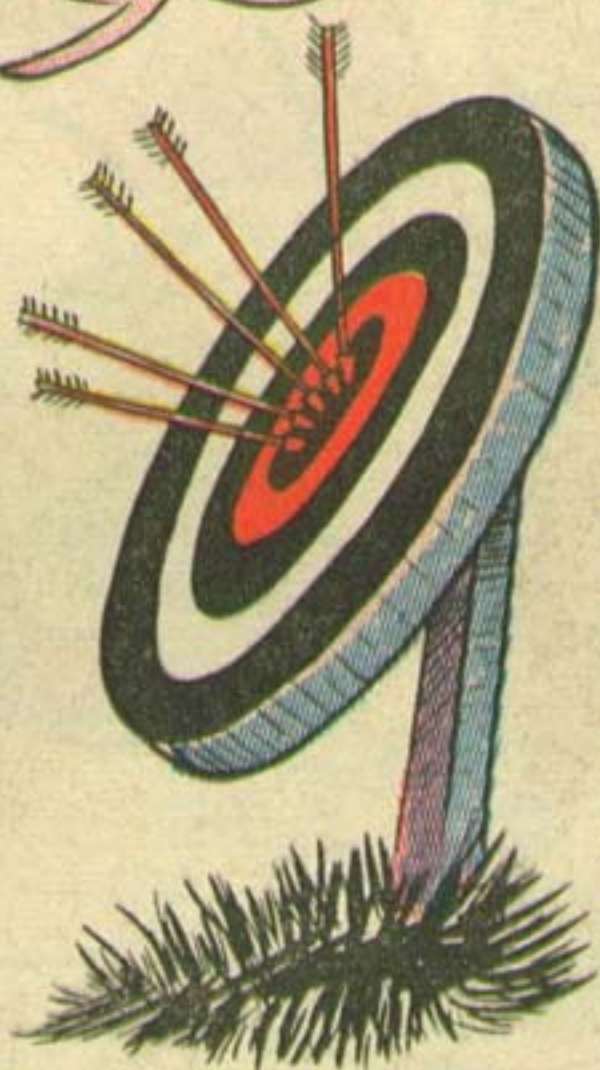
OH, GOODY... YOU BOTH MISSED! NOW IT'S MY TURN!



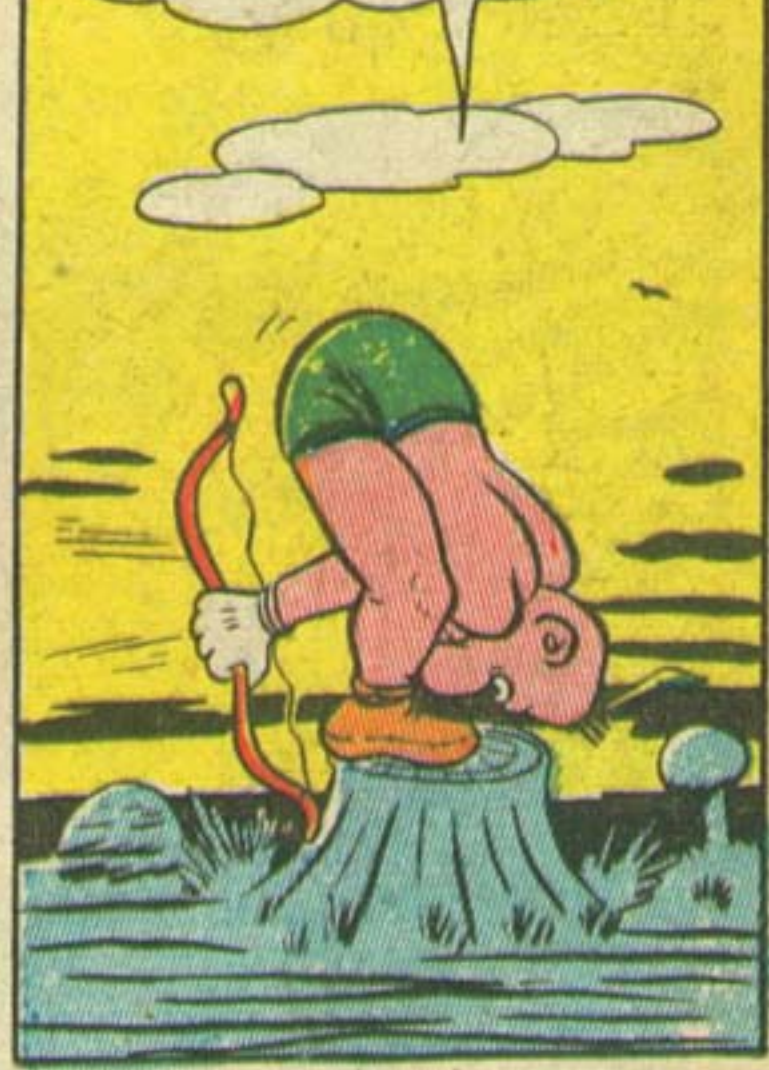
I SHOOT AN ARROW INTO THE AIR -- AND THEN ANOTHER AND THEN A PAIR! THEY FALL TO EARTH AND I KNOW WHERE!



FIVE BULL EYES, BY COW!



PRETTY GOOD FOR I -- A SHORT FELLOW, HUH? ANOTHER AND ANOTHER... SEVEN IN A ROW!



I LEARNED THIS FROM AN OLD FRIEND NAMED UPSIDE DOWNEY!



AND ANOTHER!

AND NOW WITH THE EYES SHUT AND A WEE DANCE!



TAPETY TAP

JUST LIKE OLD DAN CUPID!

DON'T LOOK NOW -- BUT I THINK YOU WERE TOO EAGER, BEAVER --- YOU MISSED!





MISSED? OH, I COULDN'T-- HOW COULD I? SOME-BODY MUSTA DONE SOME PIN!.. WHO...

WHO ELSE!

NONE BUT THE ONE AND ONLY--STUPIDMAN!

YOU OLD RASCAL, I KNEW YOU HAD THIS MAGNET BEHIND THE TARGET TO DRAW YOUR STEEL TIPPED ARROWS SO JUST NOW I SWIPED IT... HEH, HEH!



WHY, YOU LITTLE CROOK-- I'LL-- I'LL

NOW, NOW, BOYS... EAGER BEAVER IS JUST A LITTLE KIDDER... C'MON, LET'S SHOW THE BOYS THE ACT WE PUT ON AT THE ELK'S CLUB LAST SUMMER!



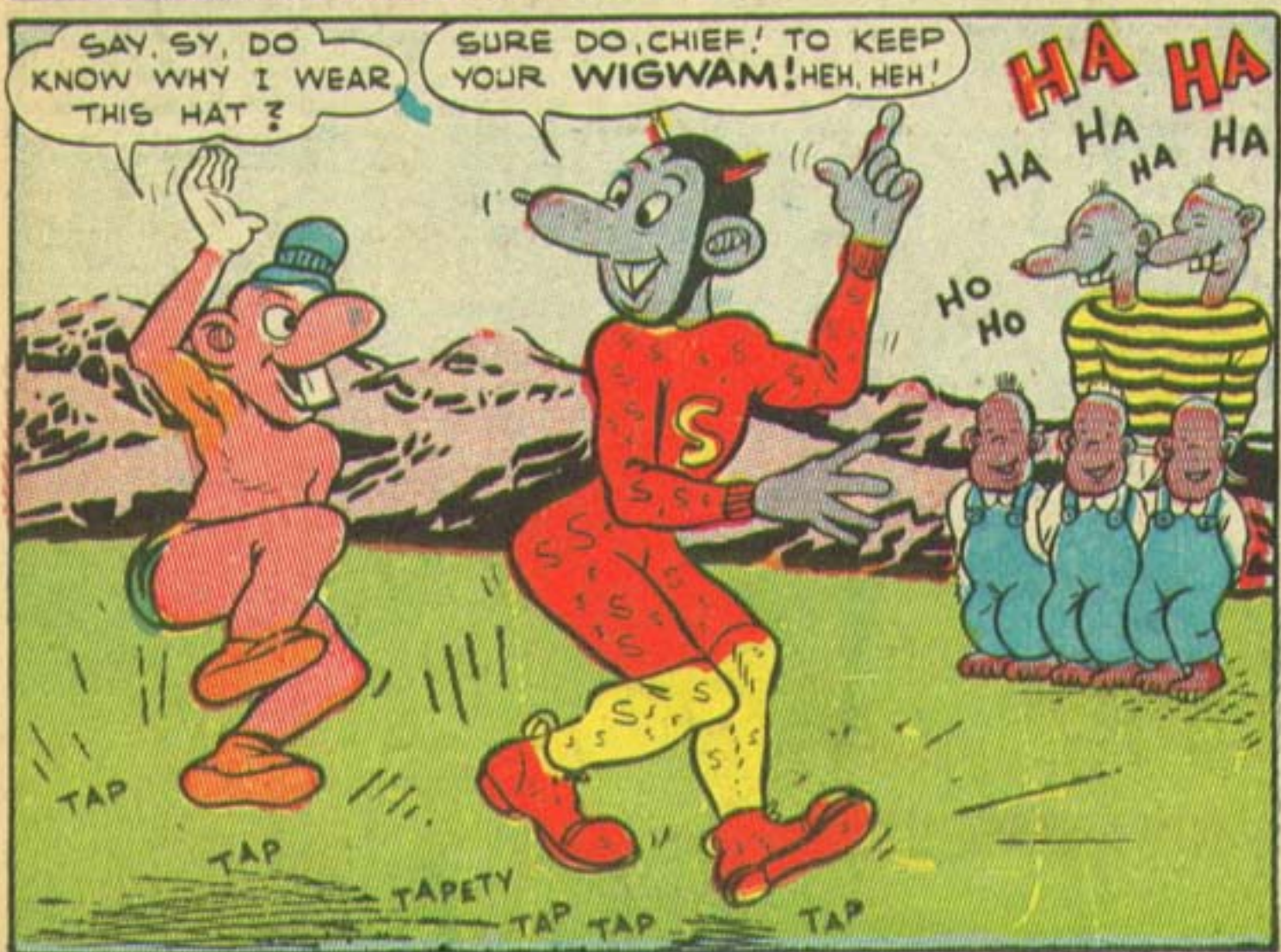
SURE, SURE! HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF INDIAN BLANKET I'M WEARING?

WHY NO, WHAT KIND OF INDIAN BLANKET ARE YOU WEARING?



IT'S APACHE BLANKET!

GET IT? A PATCHY BLANKET! HEH, HEH!



SAY, SY, DO YOU KNOW WHY I WEAR THIS HAT?

SURE DO, CHIEF! TO KEEP YOUR WIGWAM! HEH, HEH!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA HA

HO HO HO HO



HO HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA HA

HAK HAK HAK HAK

YAK YAK YAK YAK

YAK YAK YAK YAK

YUK YUK YUK YUK

OH, OH, WHERE DID I HEAR THAT LAUGH BEFORE?



OH, GOSH!
THE WITCH!

YOU SAID IT,
HONEY CHILE!



NOW, WITCH,
STAY AWAY!
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO
MAKE LOVE
TO ME!

OH, QUIET, YOU
OLD SILLY! THERE
ARE OTHER GOOD
LOOKING ONES BE-
SIDES YOU!



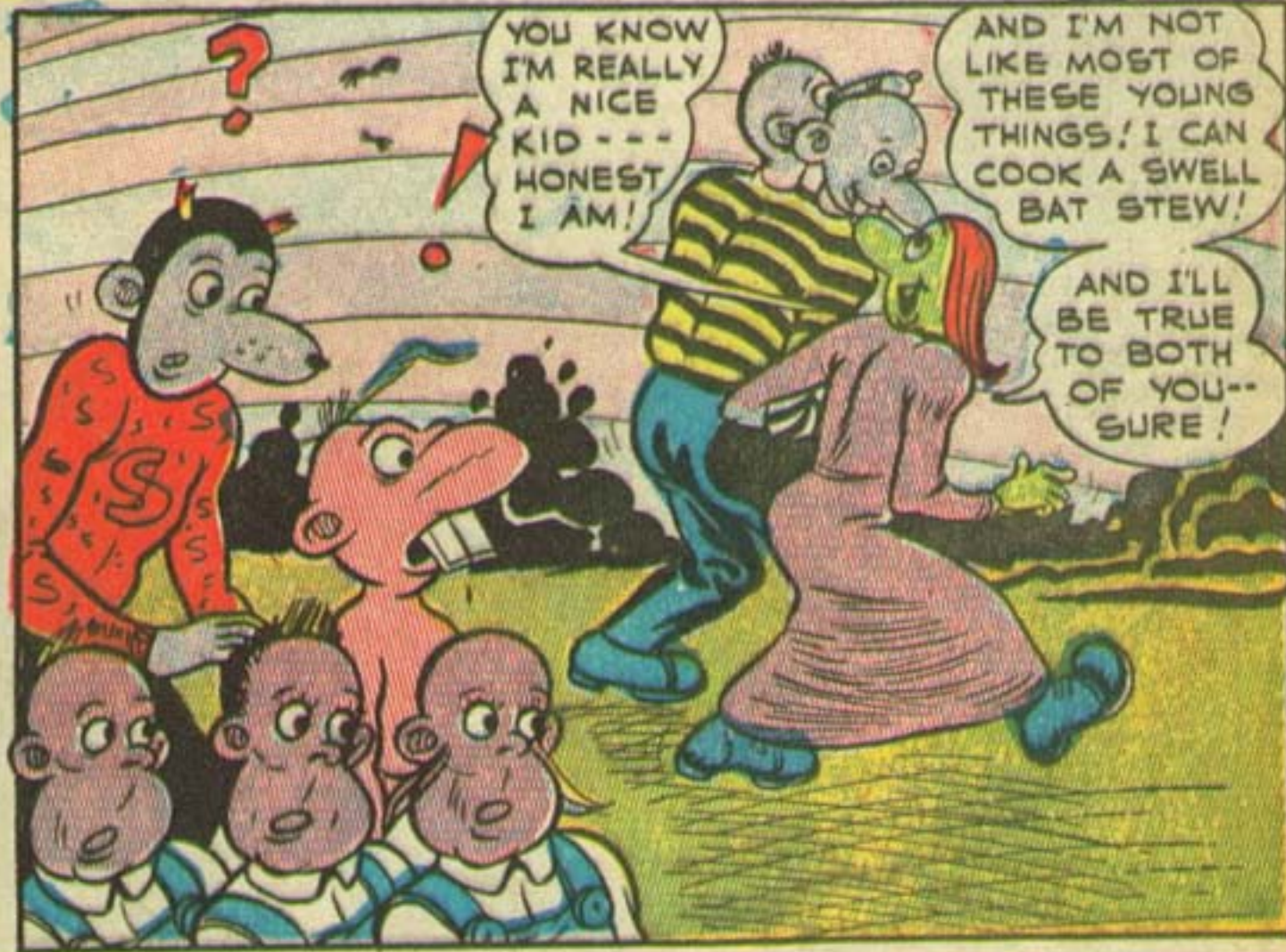
MEANING
MAYBE I
PERHAPS!
I AM
EAGER
BEAVER!

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY
LOOK IT!...GO HOME
AND HOE YOUR CORN
STUMPY!



WHY SHOULD I TAKE
ONE WHEN I CAN HAVE
TWO!
AND STILL
BE LEGAL!

HELLO,
BOYS!



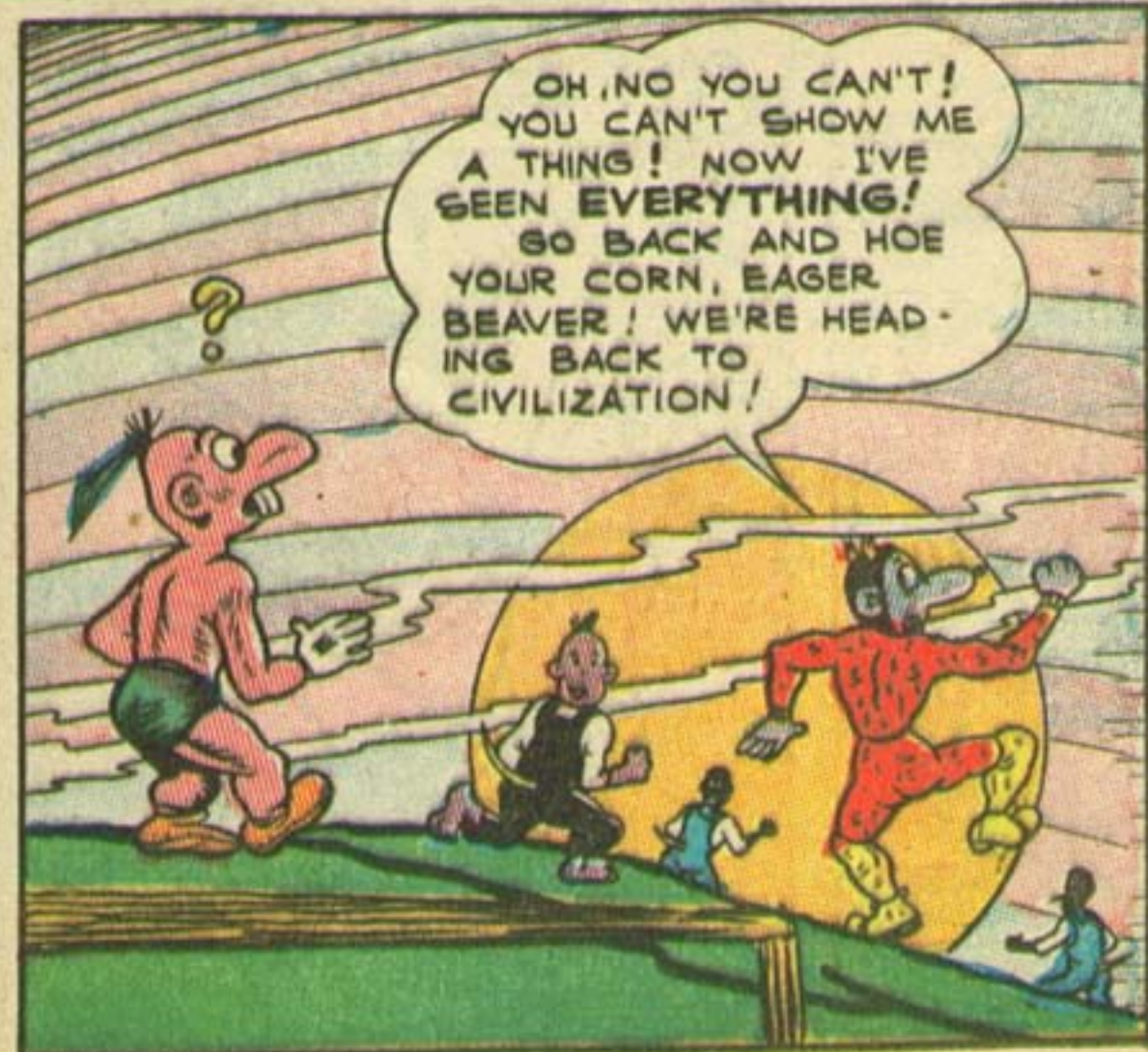
YOU KNOW
I'M REALLY
A NICE
KID ---
HONEST
I AM!

AND I'M NOT
LIKE MOST OF
THESE YOUNG
THINGS! I CAN
COOK A SWELL
BAT STEW!

AND I'LL
BE TRUE
TO BOTH
OF YOU--
SURE!



WAIT, STUPIDMAN!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO
SHOW YOU! IT'S
SOMETHING NEW!



OH, NO YOU CAN'T!
YOU CAN'T SHOW ME
A THING! NOW I'VE
SEEN EVERYTHING!
GO BACK AND HOE
YOUR CORN, EAGER
BEAVER! WE'RE HEAD-
ING BACK TO
CIVILIZATION!

**ANSWERS TO
PUZZLES:**
1. AN ADULT IS
ONE WHO HAS
STOPPED GROW-
ING UP AND
DOWN AND IS
NOW GROWING
SIDEWAYS!
2. BONDS!
3. I'D USE A
HORSE TO
DRAW THE
CART!
4. HE WAS
GRABBED BY
THE FOOT,
SHOT BY A
RULER AND
IS NOW IN
THE YARD
DYING BY
THE INCH!

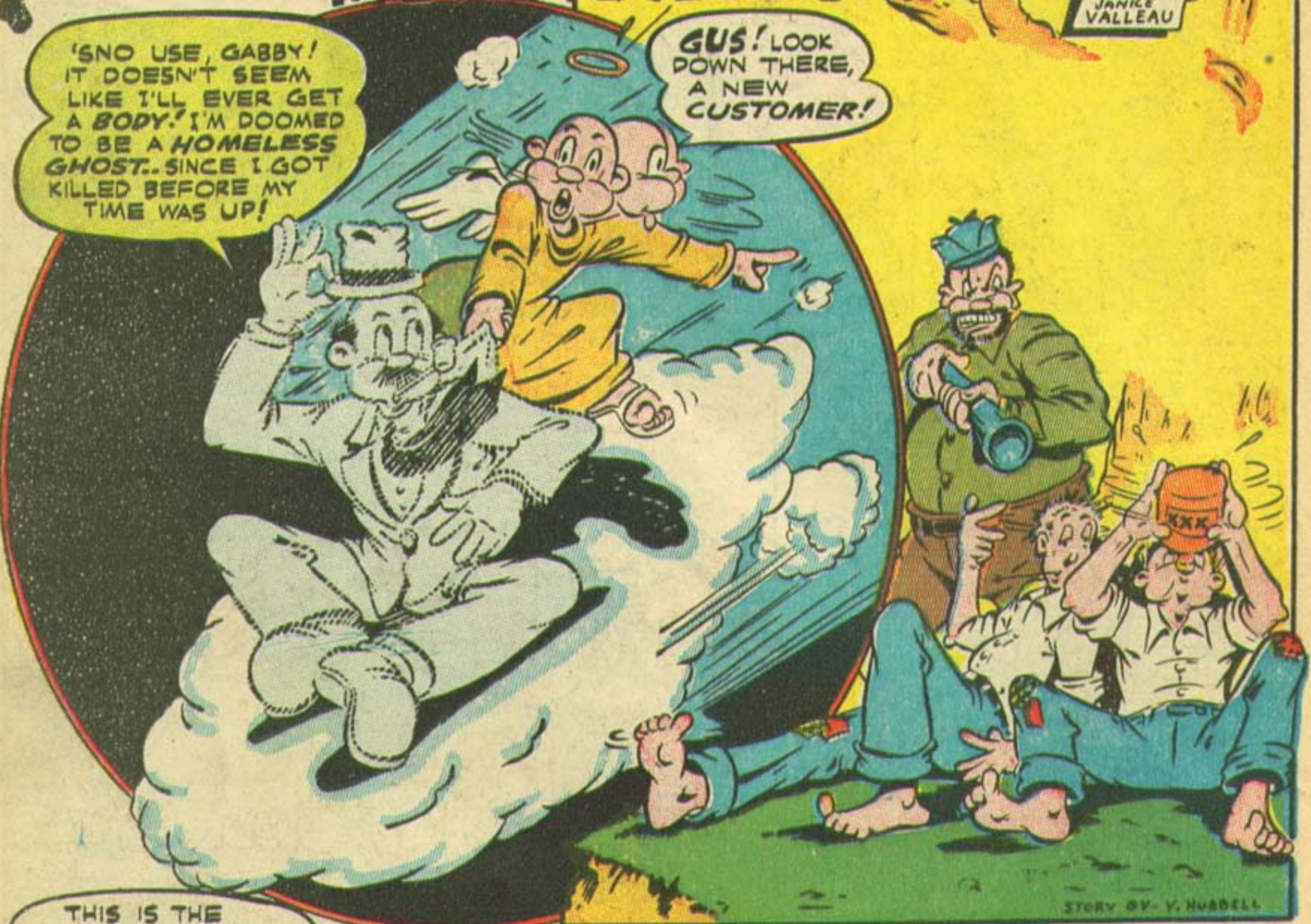
GLOOMY GUS

THE HOMELESS GHOST

by "RED" HOLMDALE AND JANICE VALLEAU

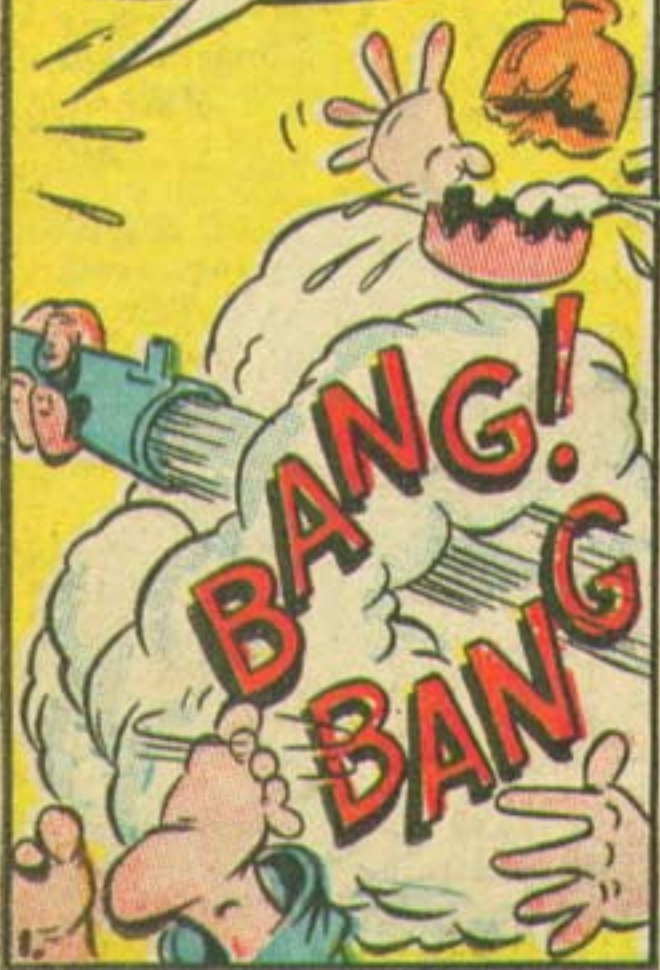
'SNO USE, GABBY! IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE I'LL EVER GET A BODY. I'M DOOMED TO BE A HOMELESS GHOST. SINCE I GOT KILLED BEFORE MY TIME WAS UP!

GUS! LOOK DOWN THERE, A NEW CUSTOMER!



STORY BY - V. HUBBELL

THIS IS THE END OF OUR FEUD, YOU MIZZUBLE SNARKINS!



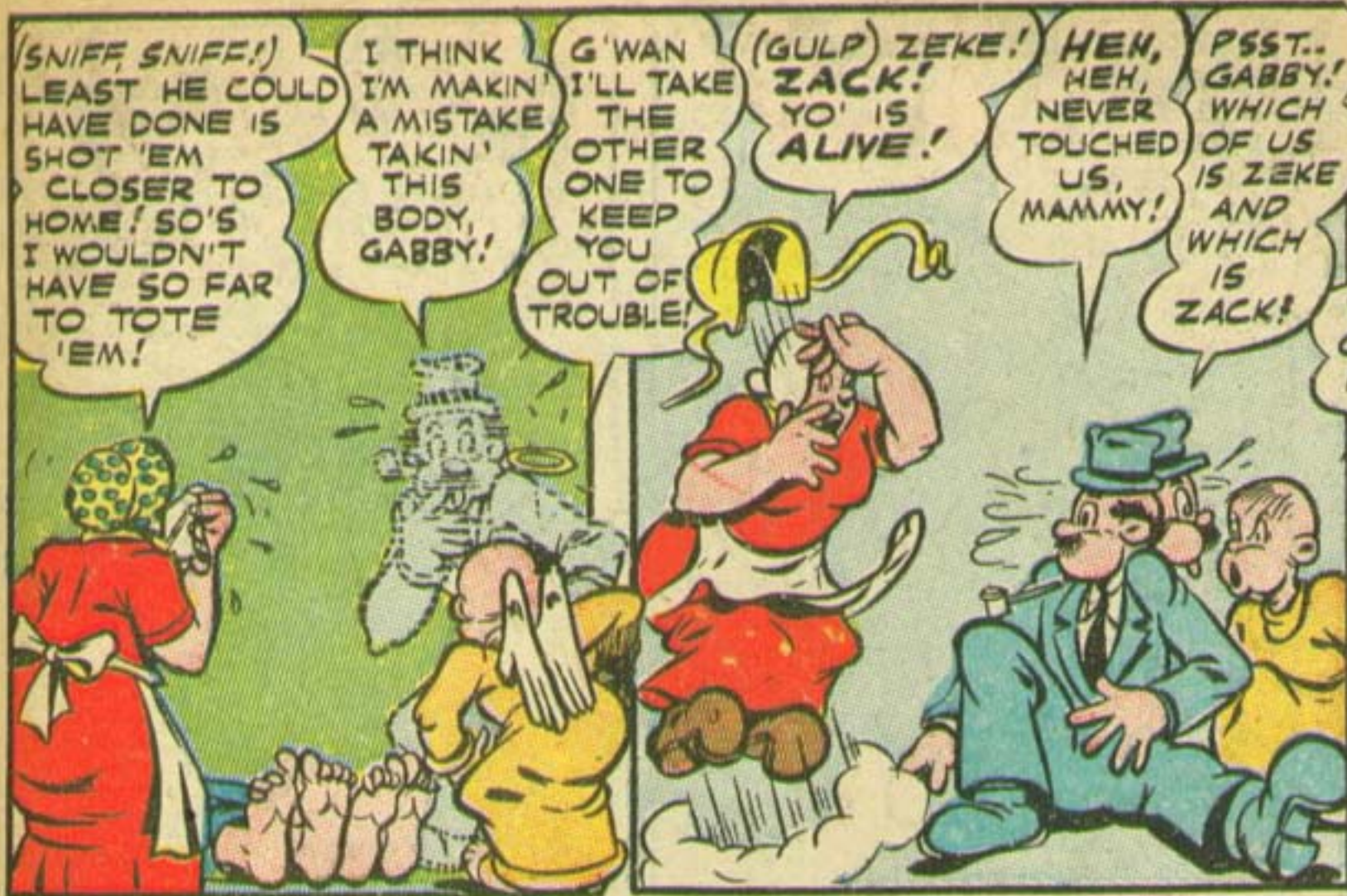
FRY MAH BONES! BABY-FACE BLOP HAS JEST KILT MY BOYS!



YO' COWARDLY SKONK-- SHOOTIN' MY ZEKE AND ZACK IN THE BACK! AH'LL GIT YO' FOR THIS!

HAW, HAW, AH SWORE TO WIPE OUT YORE FAMBY.. AND AH DOOD IT!





(SNIFF, SNIFF!) LEAST HE COULD HAVE DONE IS SHOT 'EM CLOSER TO HOME! SO'S I WOULDN'T HAVE SO FAR TO TOTE 'EM!

I THINK I'M MAKIN' A MISTAKE TAKIN' THIS BODY, GABBY!

G'WAN I'LL TAKE THE OTHER ONE TO KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE!

(GULP) ZEKE! YO' IS ALIVE!

HEH, HEH, NEVER TOUCHED US, MAMMY!

PSST.. GABBY! WHICH OF US IS ZEKE AND WHICH IS ZACK!

YOU GOT ME!



CONSNARN, THAT BABY-FACE... CAIN'T EVEN SHOOT STRAIGHT! AND HERE I WUZ ALREADY FIGGERIN' ON GETTIN' ME SOME NEW STORE TEETH WIF YO INSURANCE MONEY!!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER..

MAMMY! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF US BUILDIN' A TOMB-STONE FOR OURSELVES! WE AREN'T DEAD!

SHUT UP! AH GOT ME A PLAN TO GIT EVEN WITH BABY-FACE! NOW YOU TWO GIT UP IN THE ATTIC, AND KEEP OUTTA SIGHT!



WHAT'S SHE UP TO GUS? I DON'T LIKE THIS!

QUIET! SOMEONE'S COMING! I HEAR FOOTSTEPS!



HIT'S ME, BOYS! NOW JEST YO' LISSEN! I'VE INVITED ALL TH' NEIGHBORS OVER TONIGHT! SPECIALLY THET BABY-FACE BLOP! FER A SPIRITUAL MEETIN'!



NOW YO' PUT ON THESE SHEETS, AN' WINGS AH BORREYD FUM SUNDAY SCHOOL! AH WANT YO' TO DRESS UP AS GHOSTS!

WHAT! AGAIN? BUT WE JUST GOT THROUGH!



HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT! WE GOTTA ACT LIKE GHOSTS!

WONDER WHAT SHE TIED THESE ROPES AROUND US FOR?



HERE'S WHAT YORE T' DO! WHEN AH CALLS OUT FER YO' SPEERITS TO APPEAR YO' JUMP OFF ON EITHER SIDE OF YONDER BEAM SO THET YO' KIN LOOK AS IF YO' IS FLYIN'!

MY GOSH! Y'MEAN WE HAVE TO DANGLE FROM A ROPE OUT THERE!

HUMPH! WE'LL MAKE A FINE TARGET FOR BABY FACE!



DON'T FERGIT WHEN AH YELLS FO' YO'-START FLYIN'! AH'LL SCARE THET BABY-FACE OUTTA A YEARS GROWTH!

ARE Y.Y. YOU SURE, HE'LL S.S.S.CARE?



THIS IS THE SILLIEST THING I EVER HEARD. PEOPLE KNOW THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS! WHAT'LL WE DO?

YOU'RE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL! YOU TELL ME!



EYOW!

I'VE BEEN SHOT!



HEH, HEH! IT WAS ONLY THIS BOTTLE THAT POPPED!! WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?

WHY DON'T YOU DRINK IT AND FIND OUT?



GOOD IDEA!

GLUG! GLUG!

HURRY UP WITH THAT BOTTLE, GABBY! I NEED SOME. THING TO COOL ME OFF TOO!



HALP!
I'M ON FIRE!

POOF



WHILE DOWNSTAIRS...

GREETIN'S NEIGHBORS! AH'M AIMIN' TO CALL BACK THE SPEERITS OF MAH DEAD BOYS, TONIGHT!

HAW, HAW, GOOD IDEA, WIDDER SNARKINS! AH NEEDS SOME MO' TARGET PRACTICE!



ZACK! ZEKE!
THIS IS YO' OLE MAMMY A'CALLIN YE! COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YO' ARE!!



CUM BACK FUM YO' GRAVE AN' AVENGE YO'SELVES ON THAT POLECAT, BABY-FACE! WE IS STILL A-FEUDIN WIFF THEM BLOPS!



(HIC) YOU HEAR SHUM ONE YELLING, GUS?

NAH, (HIC) QUIET AS A GRAVEYARD!



ZACK.. ZEKE .. CONSNARN YE! START A-GHOSTIN' OR AH'LL BASH YO' HAIDS IN!

GUS! SHE MEANS US!



YO' BET AH MEANS YO'! AH AIN'T GONNA HAVE YOU WUTHLESS SKONKS RUIN MAH REPPYTASHUN AS A SPEERITUALIST!



OH, OH! THINK SHE'S MAD, GABBY!

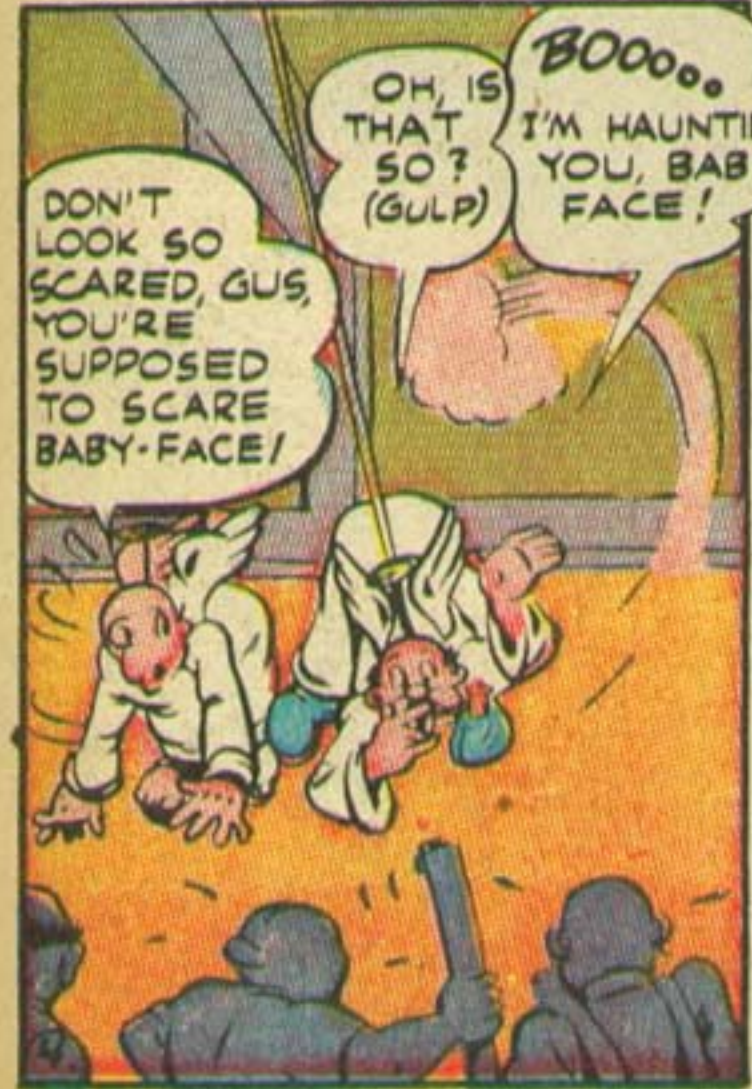
YOU ONLY THINK SO! WHAT DOES SHE HAVE TO DO TO CONVINC, YOU??

BANG BANG



HERE WE COME, MAMMY! HALLELUYA!

THE LO'D BE PRAISED!



DON'T LOOK SO SCARED, GUS, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SCARE BABY-FACE!

OH, IS THAT SO? (GULP)

BOOOOO
I'M HAUNTING YOU, BABY-FACE!

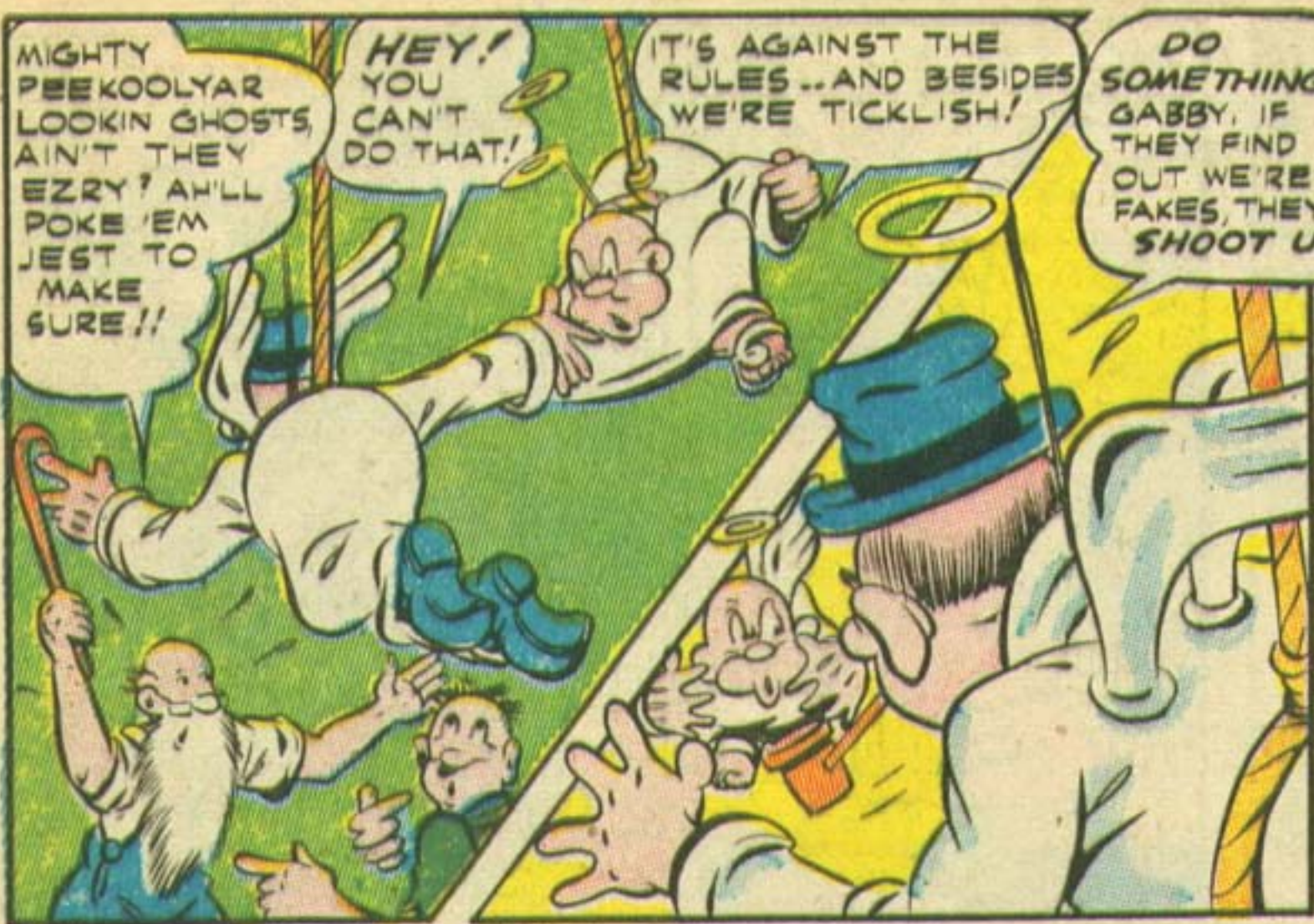


YOU WIN, WIDDER SNARKINS! AH IS PROPERLY SCAIRT... AND I HEREBY OFFICIALLY ENDS OUR FEUD!

GOOD!
NOW ALL YOU HAS TO DO IS, GIVE ME YO' MULE, AN' PIGS, FOR KILLIN' MAH HUSBAND!



YO' DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN, WIDDER! BUT A DEAL IS A DEAL! AH'LL GO FETCH'EM RIGHT AWAY!!



MIGHTY PEEKOOLYAR LOOKIN' GHOSTS, AIN'T THEY EZRY? AH'LL POKE 'EM JEST TO MAKE SURE!!

HEY! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

IT'S AGAINST THE RULES...AND BESIDES WE'RE TICKLISH!

DO SOMETHING, GABBY, IF THEY FIND OUT WE'RE FAKES, THEY'LL SHOOT US!



AT THAT MOMENT...

RUN FO' YO' LIVES, EVERYBODY!!



A TORNADOE'S HEADIN' THIS WAY!

HUH?



LEMME OUT! AH GOTTER GET TO MY STORM CELLAR!

MAKE WAY! LEMME OUTTA HERE!!

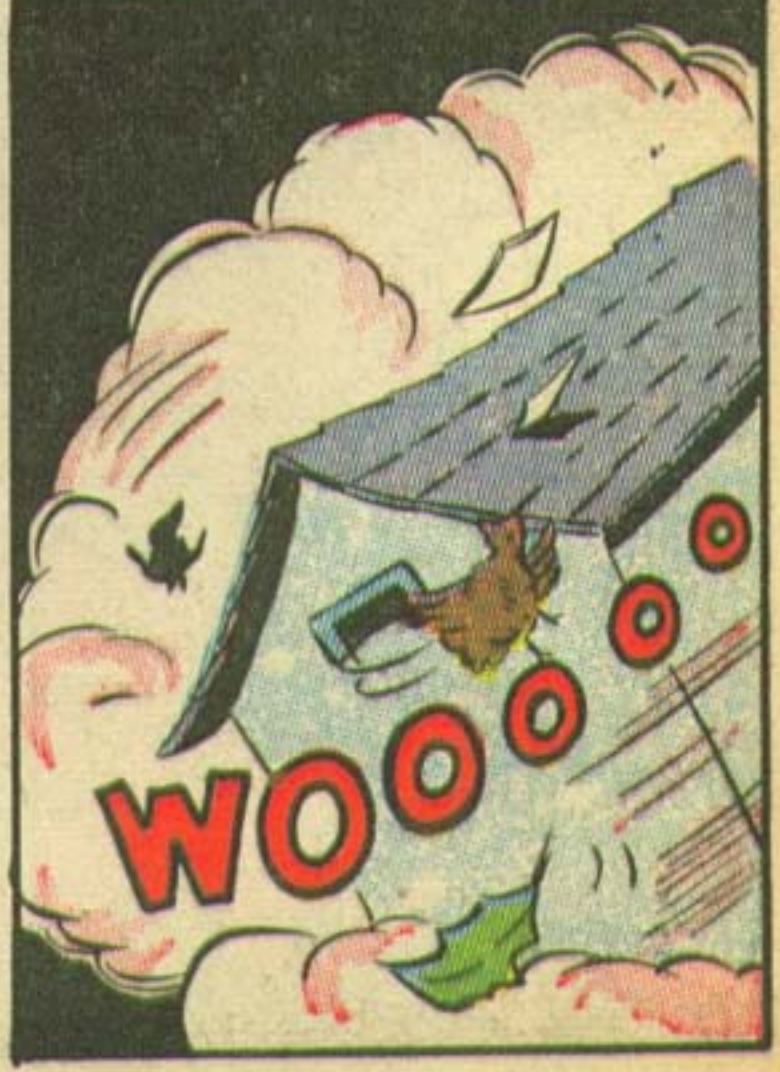
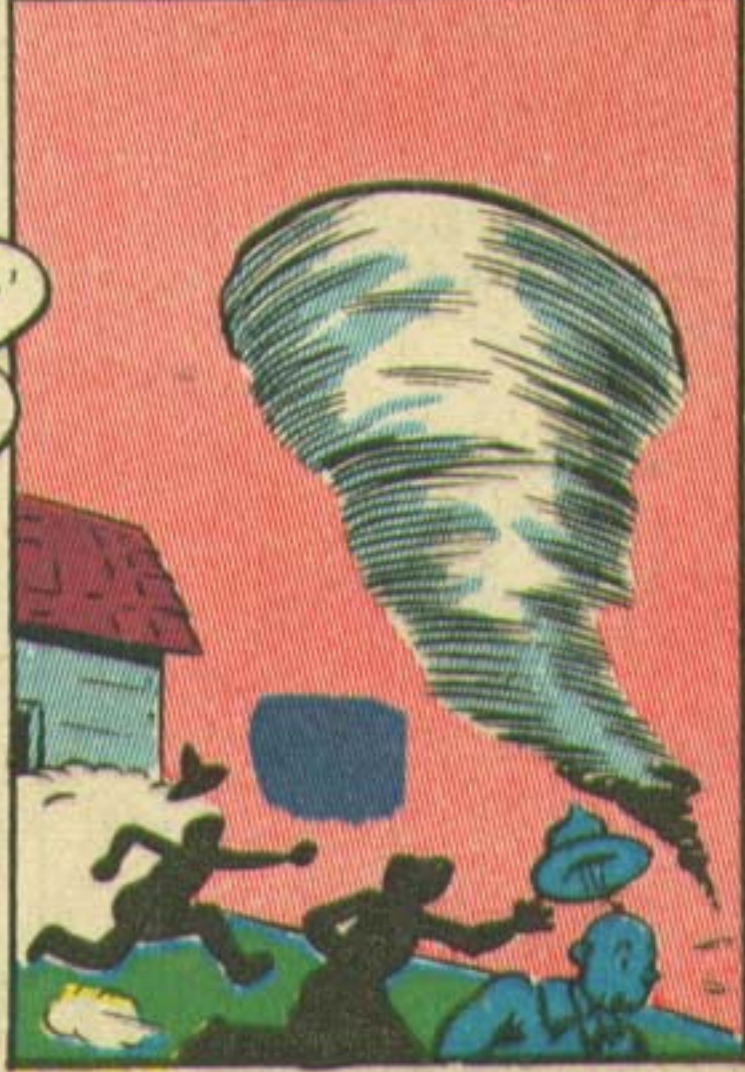


HEY! WHAT ABOUT US?? HELP! DON'T LEAVE US HERE!!

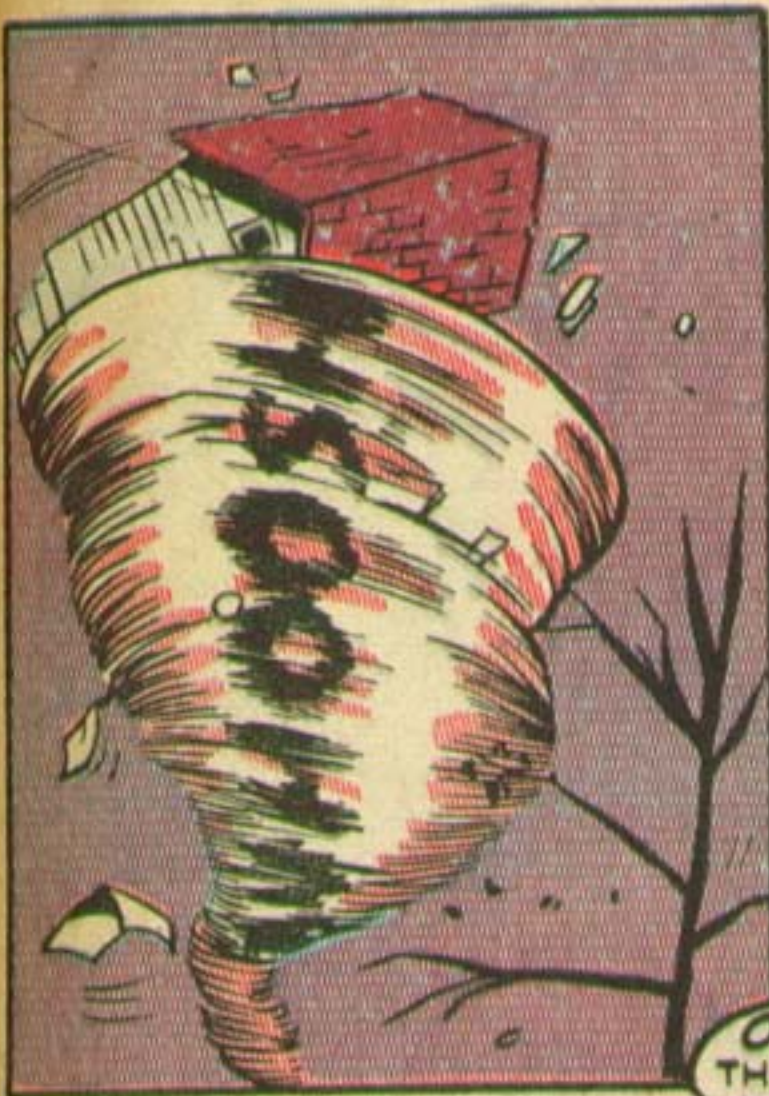


YO' ALL IS SPEERITS! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' KIN HURT YO'!

KEERECT! JES' DISSAPPEAR THE SAME MYSTERIOUS WAY YO' APPEARED!



WOOO



GUS!!
WHERE
ARE WE??



YE EOO WW

HELP!



OH, OH...
SOMETHING
TELLS ME
WE'RE NOT
GOING TO STAY
IN THESE
BODIES MUCH
LONGER!

OH, OH! GABBY
THIS IS WERE WE
CAME IN..
COME ON...

LET'S GO!



CRASH



IN THE FUTURE
WHEN I WANT A
BODY, I'LL GET
ST. PETE TO
GIVE IT
TO ME!

AH..
SHADDAP!



HMM--
'PEARS
LIKE ZEKE
AND ZACK
ARE REALLY
DAID THIS
TWE!

'COURSE THEY'RE
DAID! HOW ELSE COULD
THEY BEEN HAUNTIN'
ME! I'M A NEW MAN,
WIDDER SNARKINS! YO'
MADE ME SEE THE
ERROR OF MAH WAYS!
HERE'S THE DEED TO
MAH WHOLE
FARM! AH'M
A-JOININ' UP
WIFF THE
U.S. ARMY!



AND IN HEAVEN ABOVE..

GUS! WHERE'VE YOU
BEEN? HAVE I GOT
A BODY FOR YOU!
BOY, YOU'RE REALLY
IN LUCK!

I DUNNO,
PETE, MAYBE
I'M BETTER
OFF RIGHT
HERE!!

OH, BOY! WAIT
'TILL YOU SEE
WHAT HAPPENS
TO GABBY AND ME,
ON OUR NEXT TRIP
TO EARTH! DON'T
MISS OUR ADVENTURES
IN THE
NEXT
ISSUE
OF..



DOTTY AND DITTO with DOTTUM

AS AMERICAN AS HOT-DOGS, APPLE PIE AND BASEBALL-- THAT'S OUR DESCRIPTION OF **DOTTY**, OUR COW-GIRL HEROINE, HER PET PARROT, **DITTO**, AND HER INDIAN BOY FRIEND, **DOTTUM**!

Bill Wagon

ON THEIR WAY BACK TO DOTTY'S GRAN'PAPPY'S DUDE RANCH, AFTER A BAD FLING AT HOLLYWOOD, WE FIND DOTTY, DITTO, AND DOTTUM LOCKED IN A BOX-CAR WITH THE FEROCIOUS BEAST, "THE BLACK PANTHER!"

GOSH! IT'S DARK IN HERE---DOTTUM! QUIT PUSHIN' ME!!

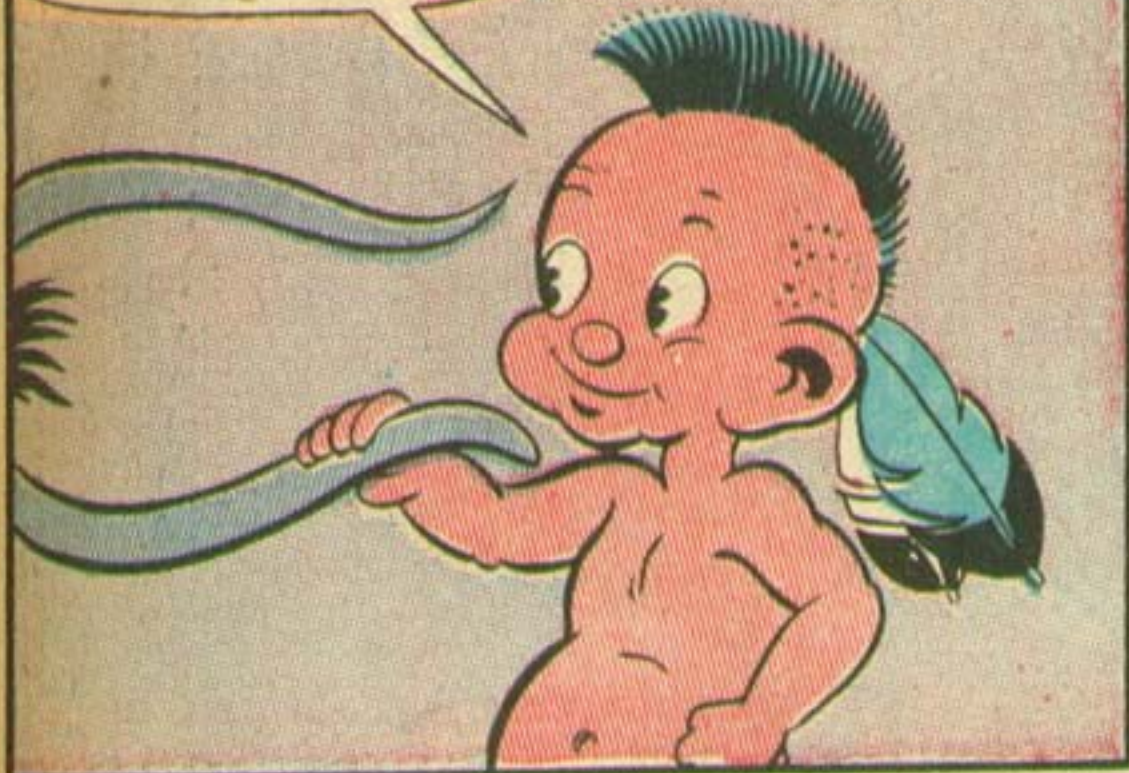
LIGH! DOTTUM WAY OVER HERE, DOTTY!

WAL, THEN WOT'S THIS THING HERE SWISHIN' 'ROUND MAH LAIG?

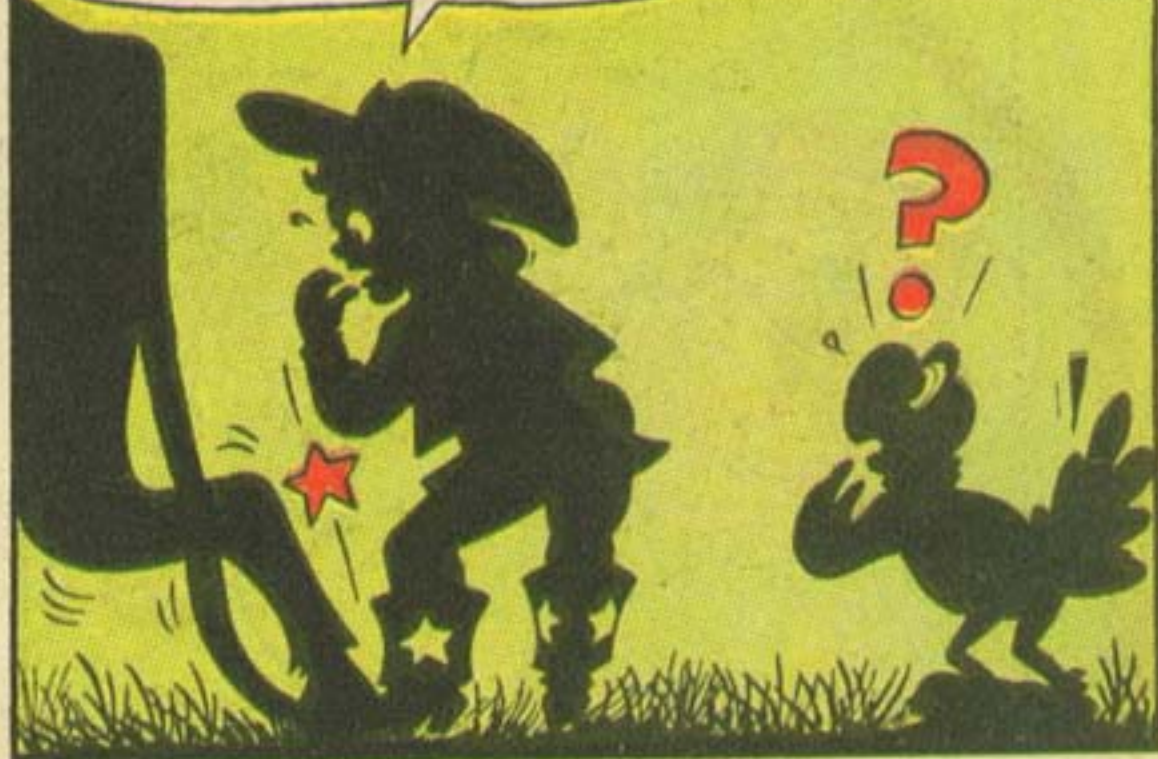
EEOW!
A SNAKE!

DITTO, PODNUH!

UGH! DOTTUM DON'T FEEL SNAKE OVER HERE, DOTTY, FEEL MORE LIKE UM HANDLE-BAR ON BICYCLE!



SOMETHIN' TELLS ME WE'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS HEAH BOX CAR! SOMEBODY STEP ON MAH FOOT THAT TIME-- FELT MORE LAK AN ELEPHANT!



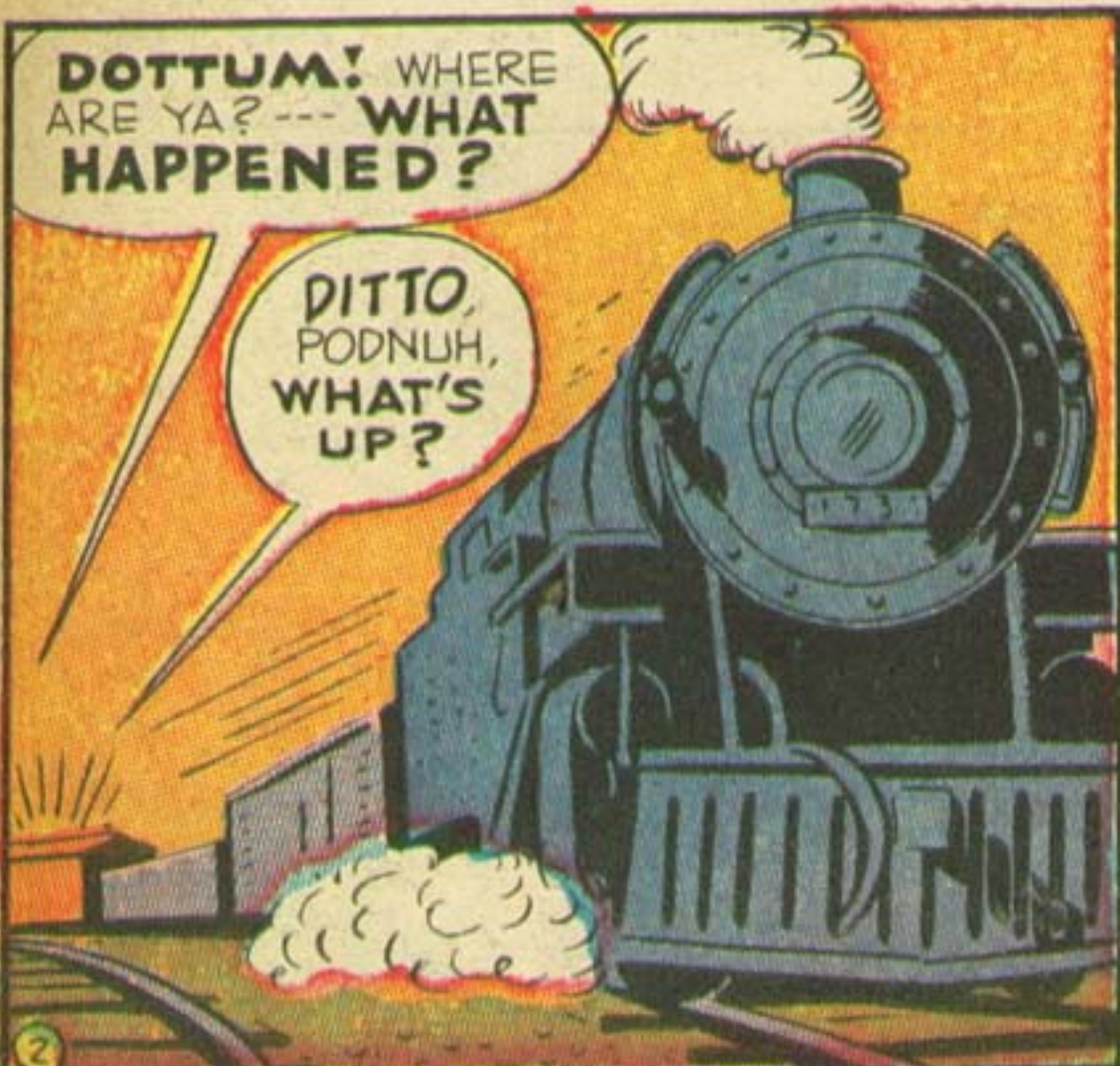
DOTTUM STILL GOTTA HOLD OF HANDLE-BARS --- HE GONNA GET ON AN SEE IF IT IS UM BICYCLE ---

OKAY! AH'LL LIGHT THIS MATCH AN LOOK INTO THIS!

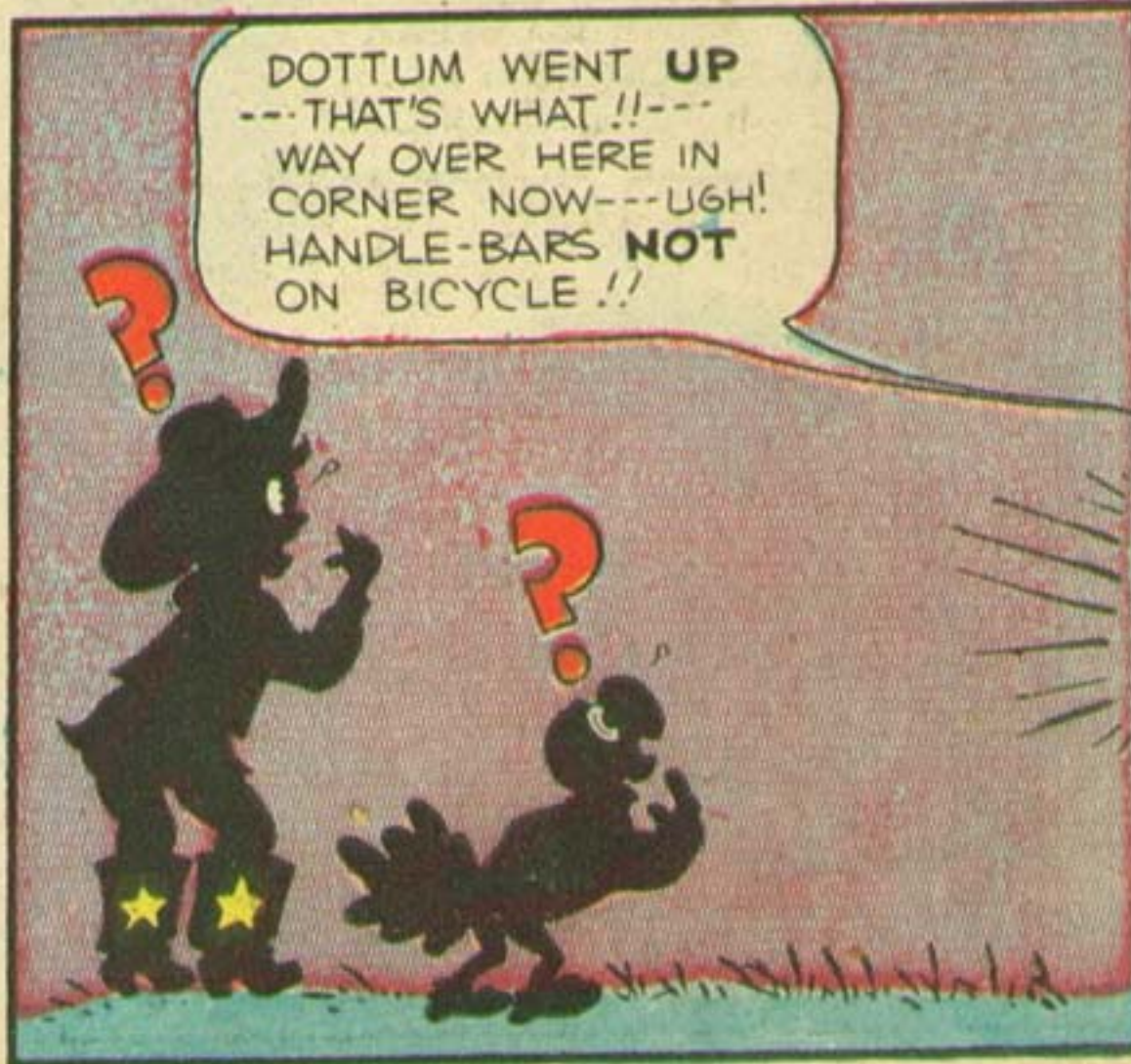


DOTTUM! WHERE ARE YA? --- WHAT HAPPENED?

DITTO, PODNUH, WHAT'S UP?



DOTTUM WENT UP --- THAT'S WHAT !! --- WAY OVER HERE IN CORNER NOW --- UGH! HANDLE-BARS NOT ON BICYCLE !!



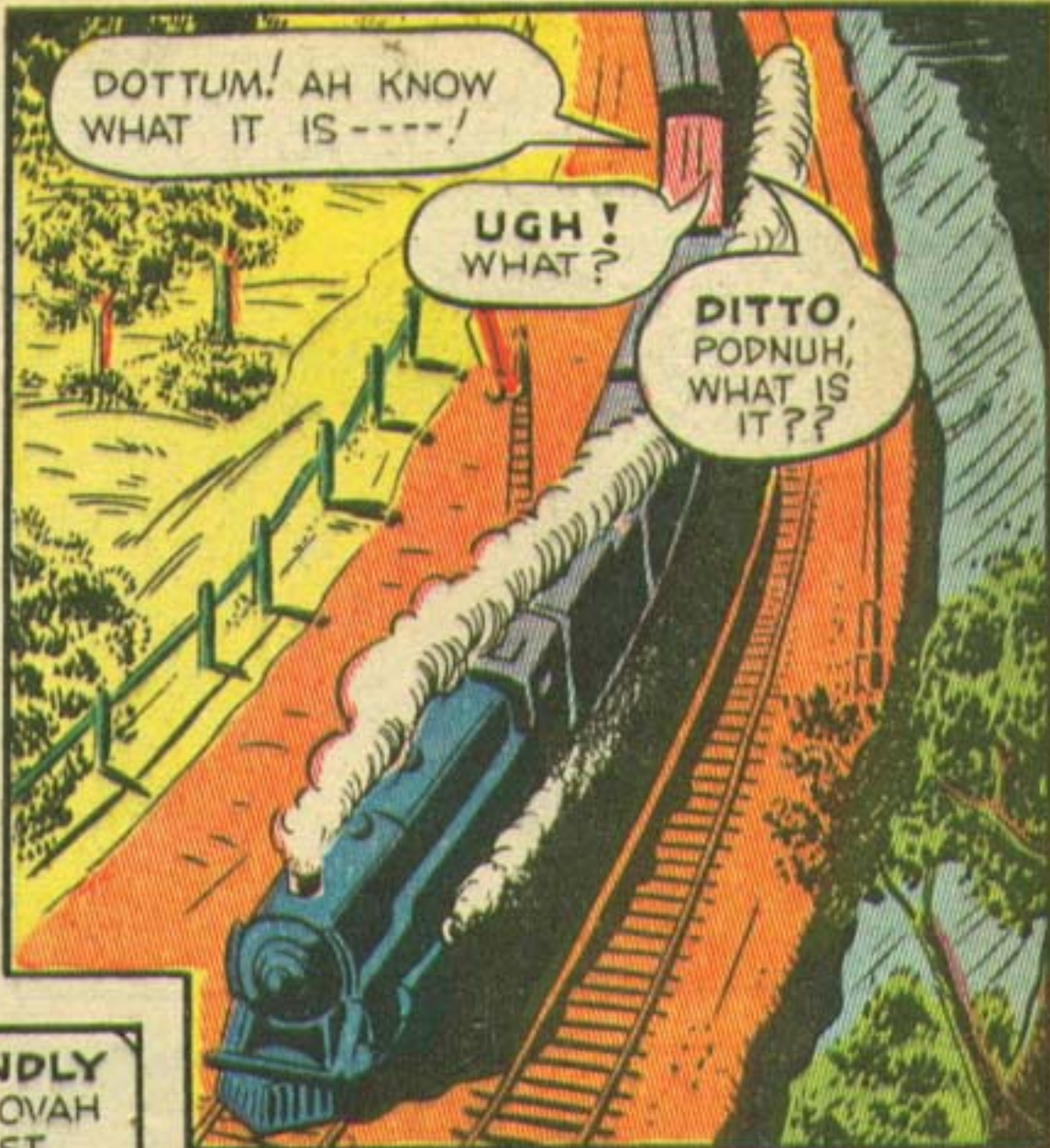
GOSH! THAT WAS TH' LAST MATCH AH HAD-- BUT LET ME FEEL THOSE HANDLE-BARS !!



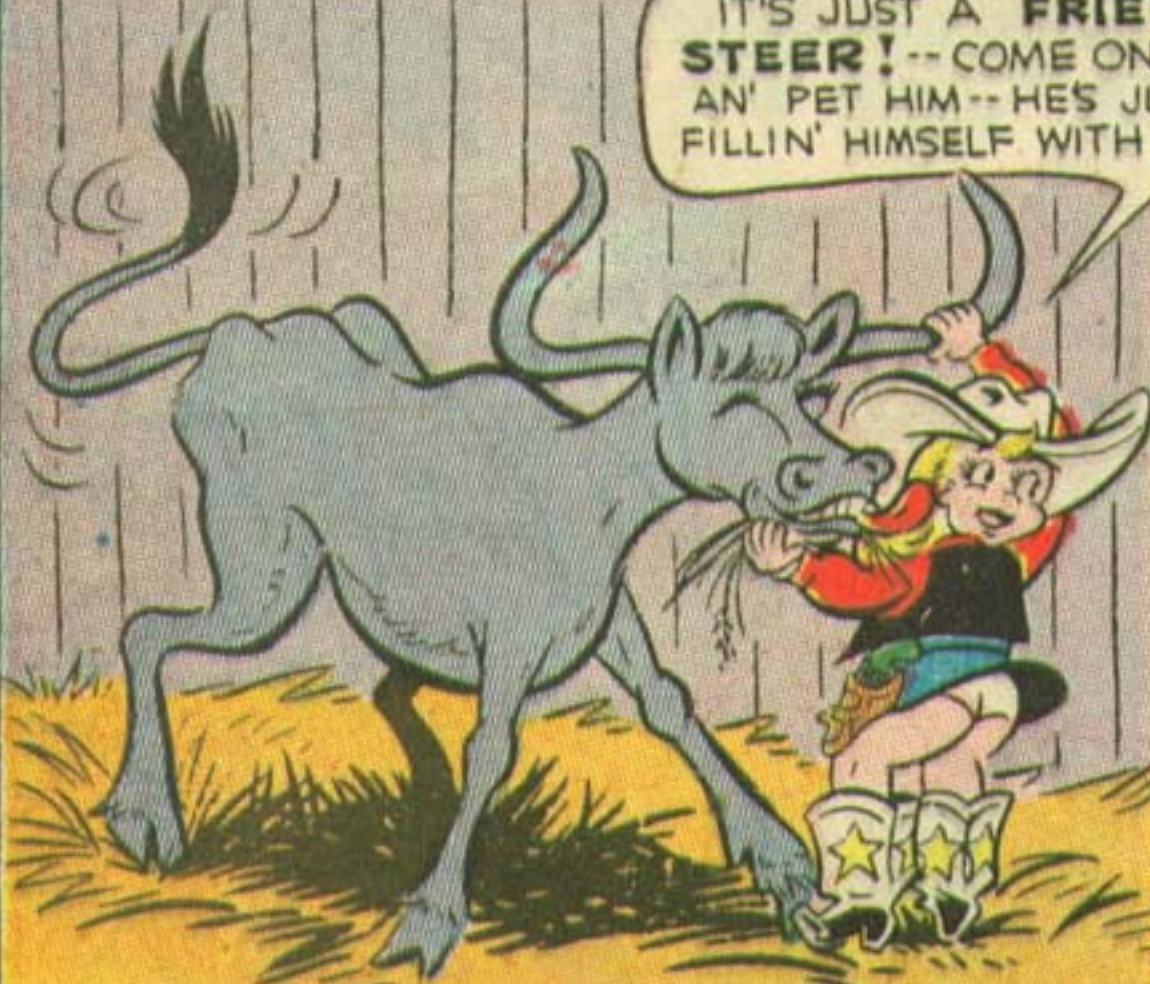
DOTTUM! AH KNOW WHAT IT IS ----!

UGH! WHAT?

DITTO, PODNUH, WHAT IS IT??



IT'S JUST A FRIENDLY STEER! -- COME ON OVAH AN' PET HIM -- HE'S JUST FILLIN' HIMSELF WITH HAY!



UGH! OH NO!

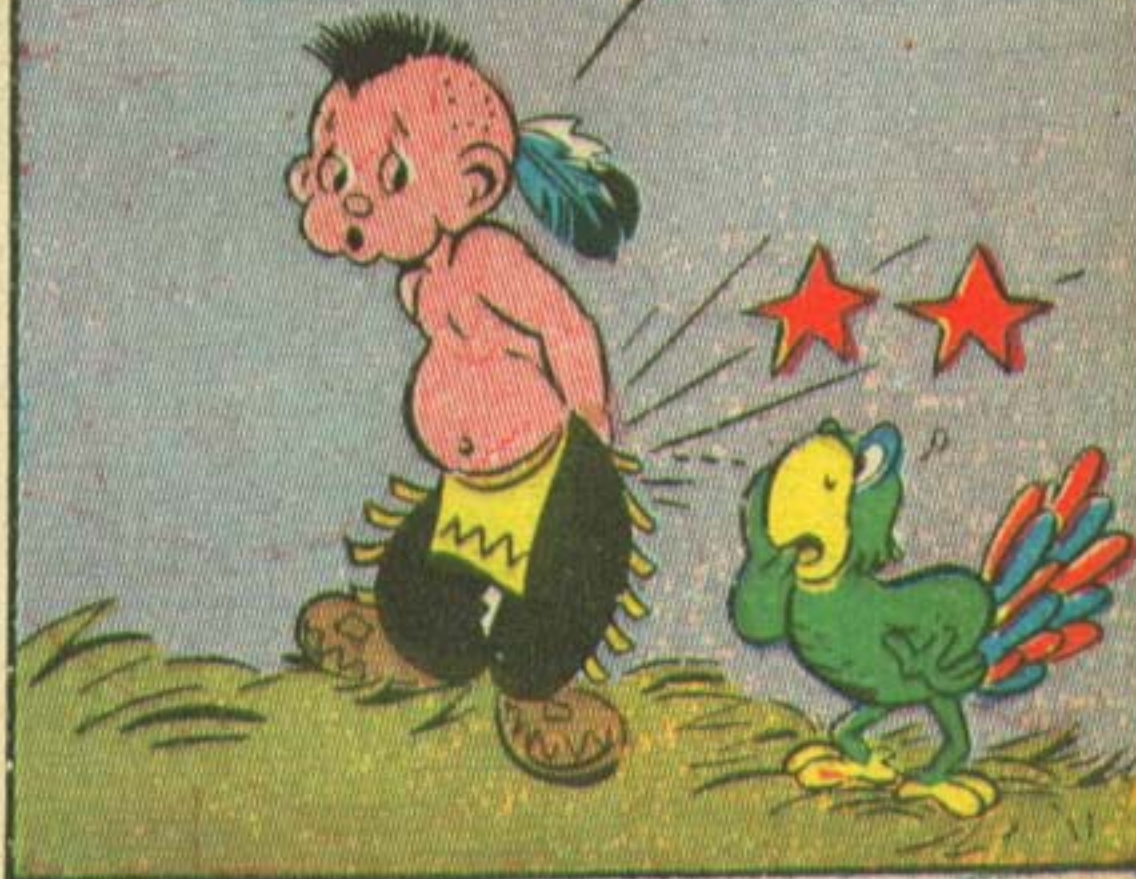
DITTO!



YOU JUS' THINK UM STEER IS FRIENDLY, DOTTY! JUS' TRY AN' RIDE HIM ONCE!



UGH! NOTHIN' FULL O' HAY COULD RIDE SO HARD !!



WHAT DOTTY THINKS IS A FRIENDLY STEER IS THE MOST FEROCIOUS BEAST TO COME OUT OF THE WEST, LET'S LISTEN IN ON A CERTAIN RODEO MANAGER'S CONVERSATION. AND SEE!

THE TRAIN IS DUE NOW WITH "**THE BLACK PANTHER**" --- HE'S THE MOST DEADLY STEER I'VE RUN ACROSS --- NO COWBOY YET HAS BEEN ABLE TO STAY ON HIM FOR FIVE SECONDS -- I'LL MAKE A MILLION ON HIM, ONE-EYE!

WHAT'S THE SECRET OF KEEPING HIM WILD, BOSS?

CHAMPIONSHIP **RODEO**



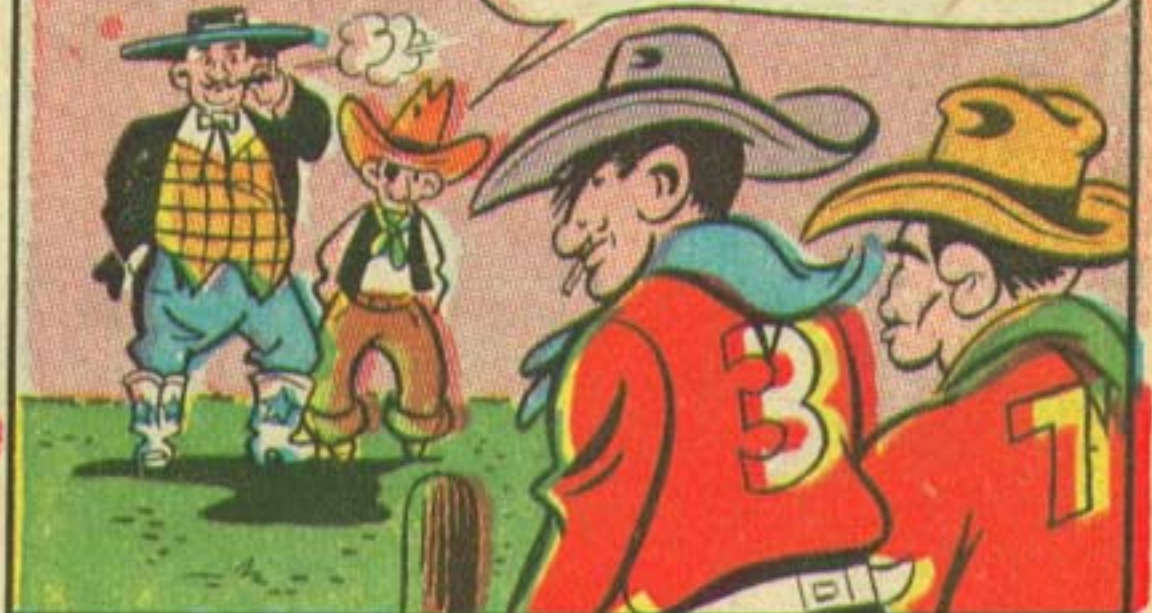
SHH! LISTEN! HE HATES THE **COLOR RED** --- EVEN A RED NECKTIE MAKES HIM BOIL --- BUT WHEN HE SEES **BLACK** HE'S AS TAME AS A KITTEN!

SO--?



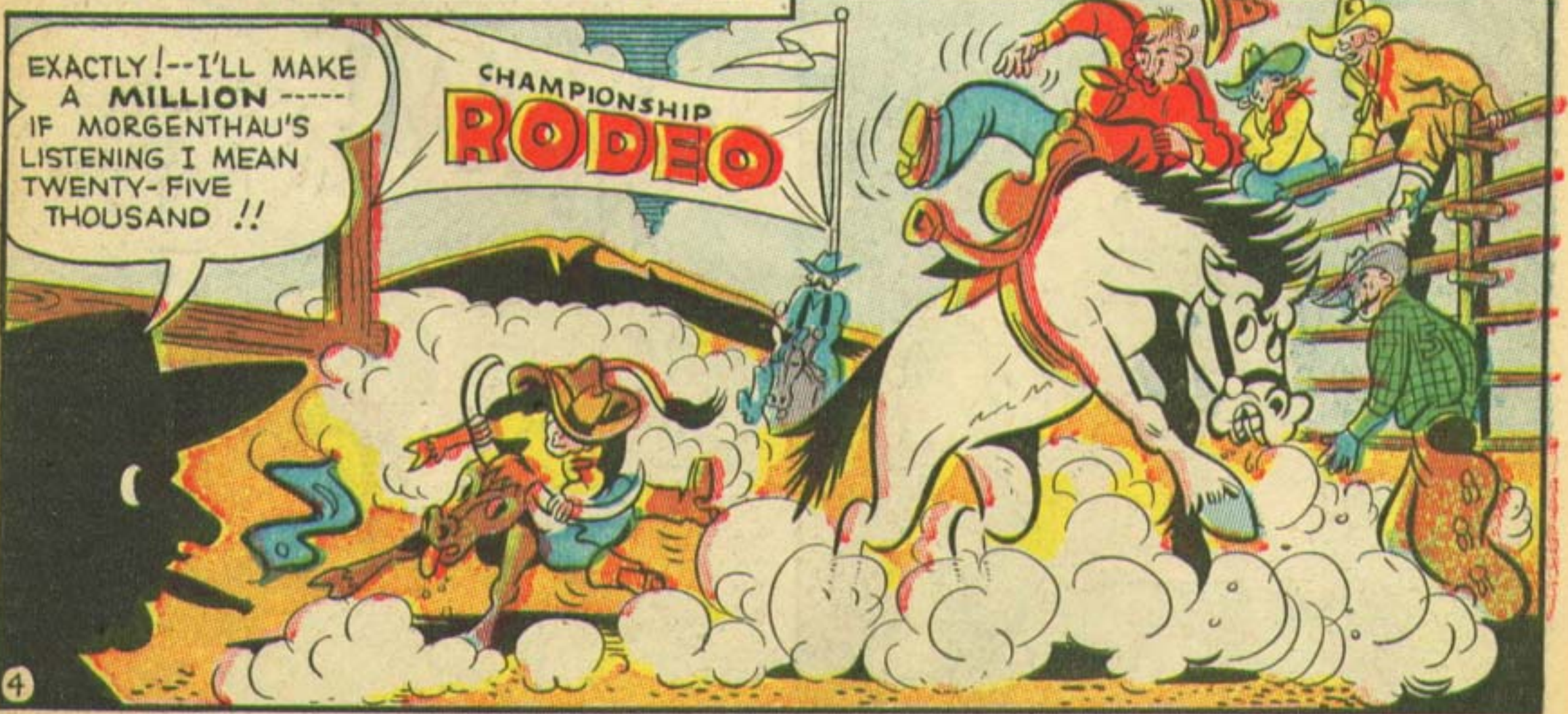
THAT'S WHY ALL MY COWHANDS WEAR THOSE FLAMING **RED** SHIRTS WHENEVER I GET A SUCKER TO RIDE HIM -- IT'S A CINCH!

AN' WHENEVAH YO' MEN RIDES HIM THEY WEAR **BLACK**, EH, BOSS?



EXACTLY!-- I'LL MAKE A **MILLION** --- IF MORGENTHAU'S LISTENING I MEAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND !!

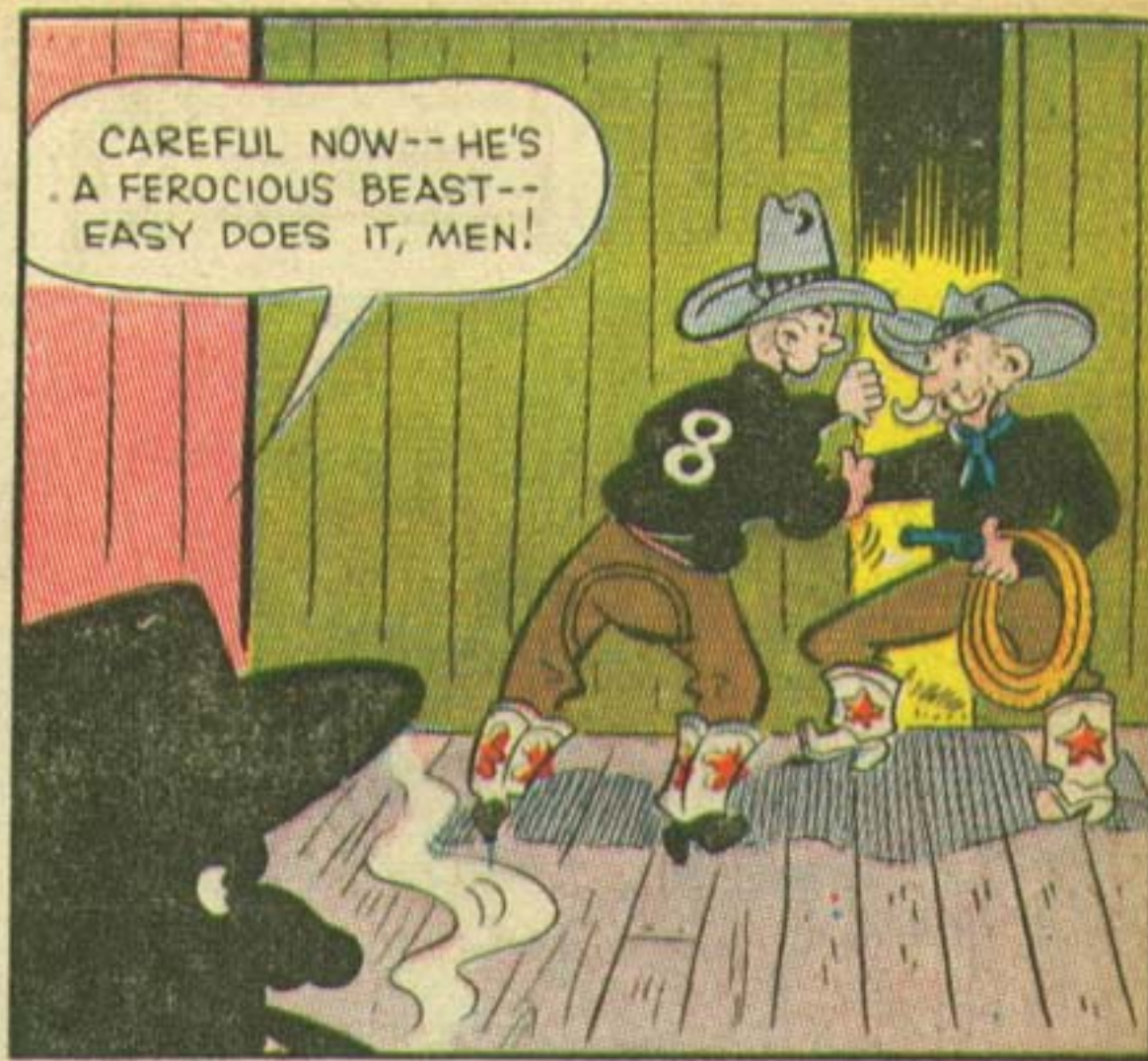
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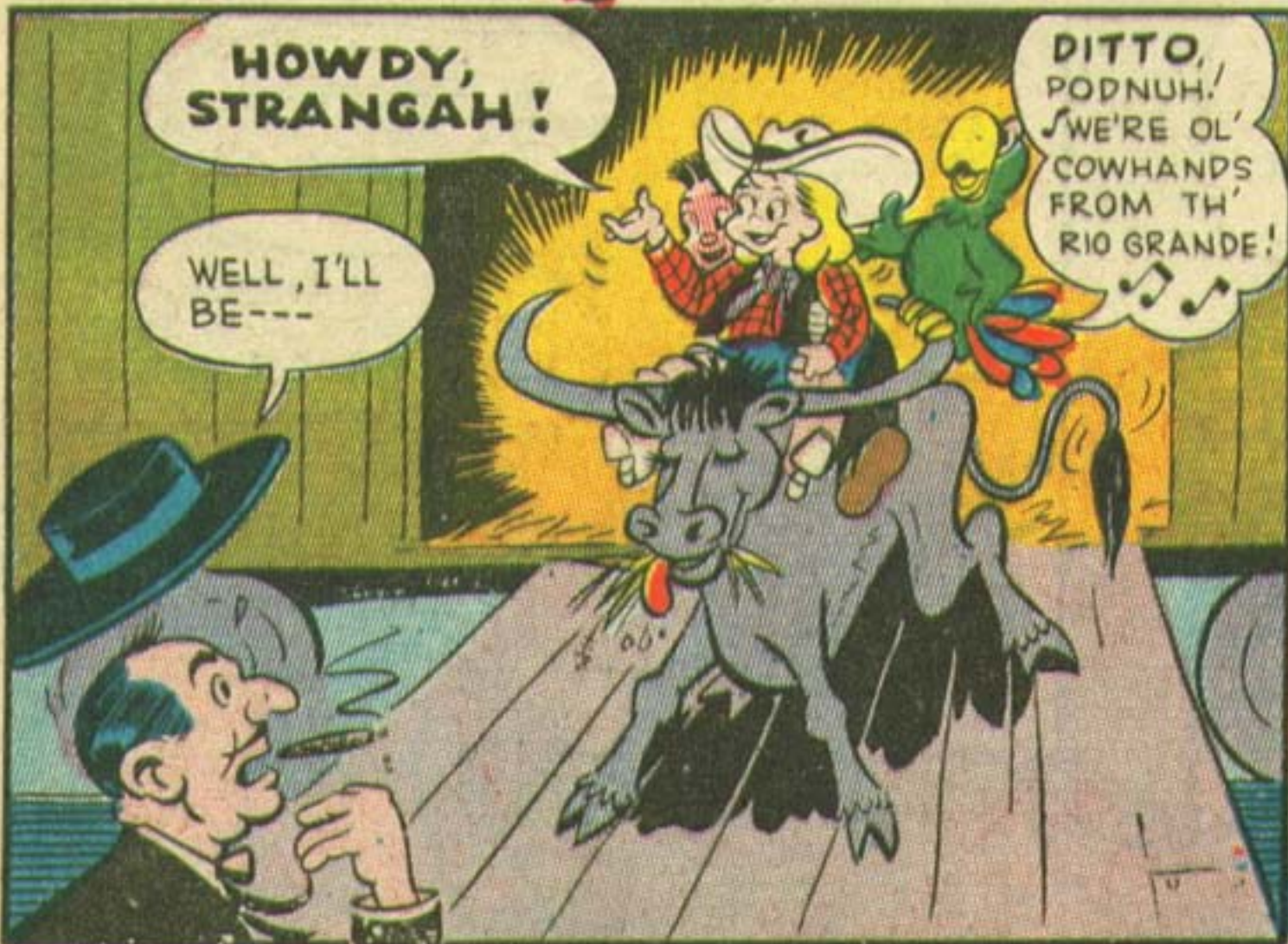


AH! HERE'S THE TRAIN NOW WITH "THE BLACK PANTHER"-- HEY, YOU WITH THE RED SHIRT, SCRAM, LET THE BLACK SHIRT MEN HANDLE THIS!

AH'D BETTER TUCK MAH RED HANDKERCHIEF IN!



CAREFUL NOW-- HE'S A FEROCIOUS BEAST-- EASY DOES IT, MEN!



HOWDY, STRANGAH!

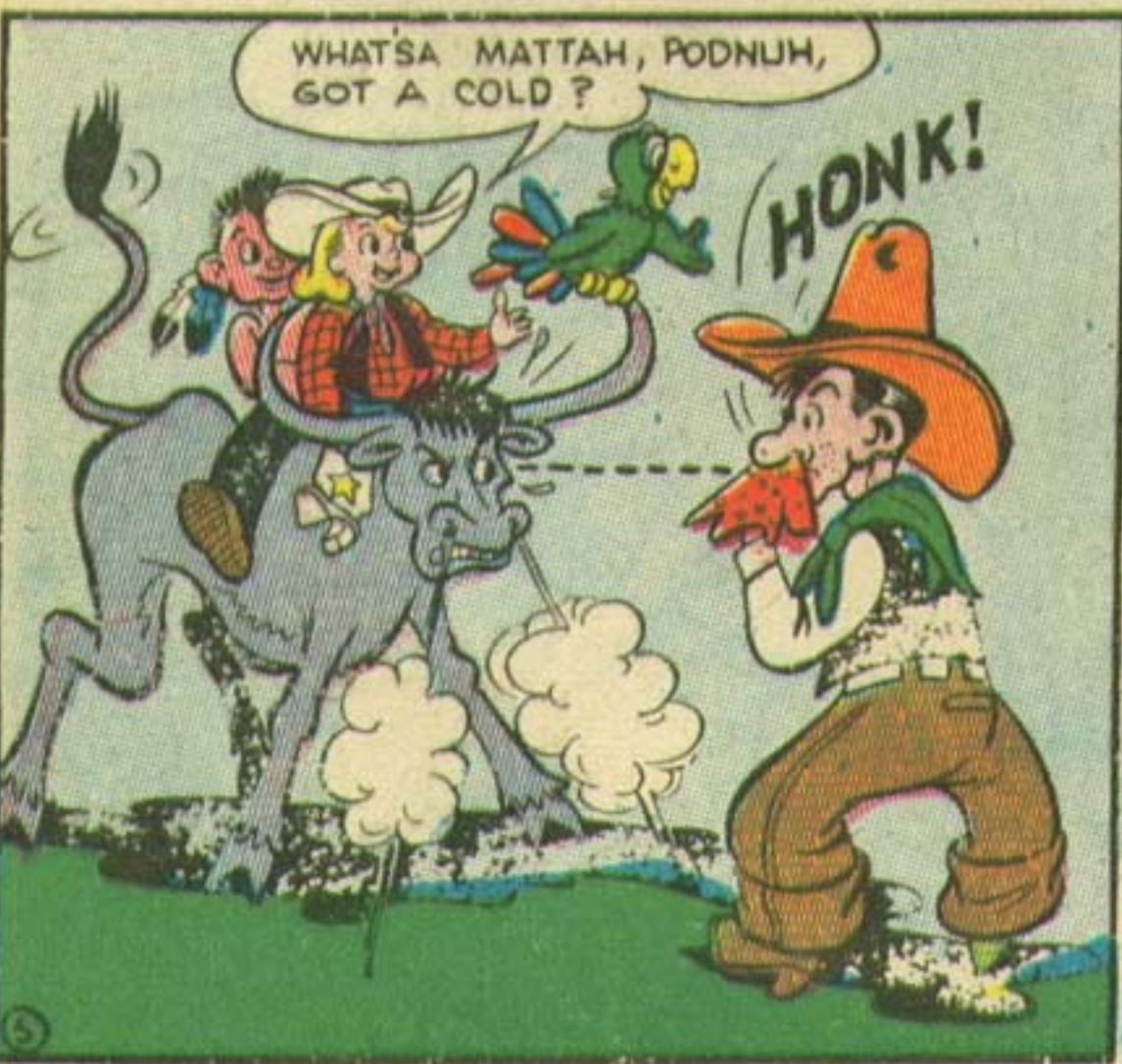
WELL, I'LL BE---

DITTO, PODNUH! WE'RE OL' COWHANDS FROM TH' RIO GRANDE!



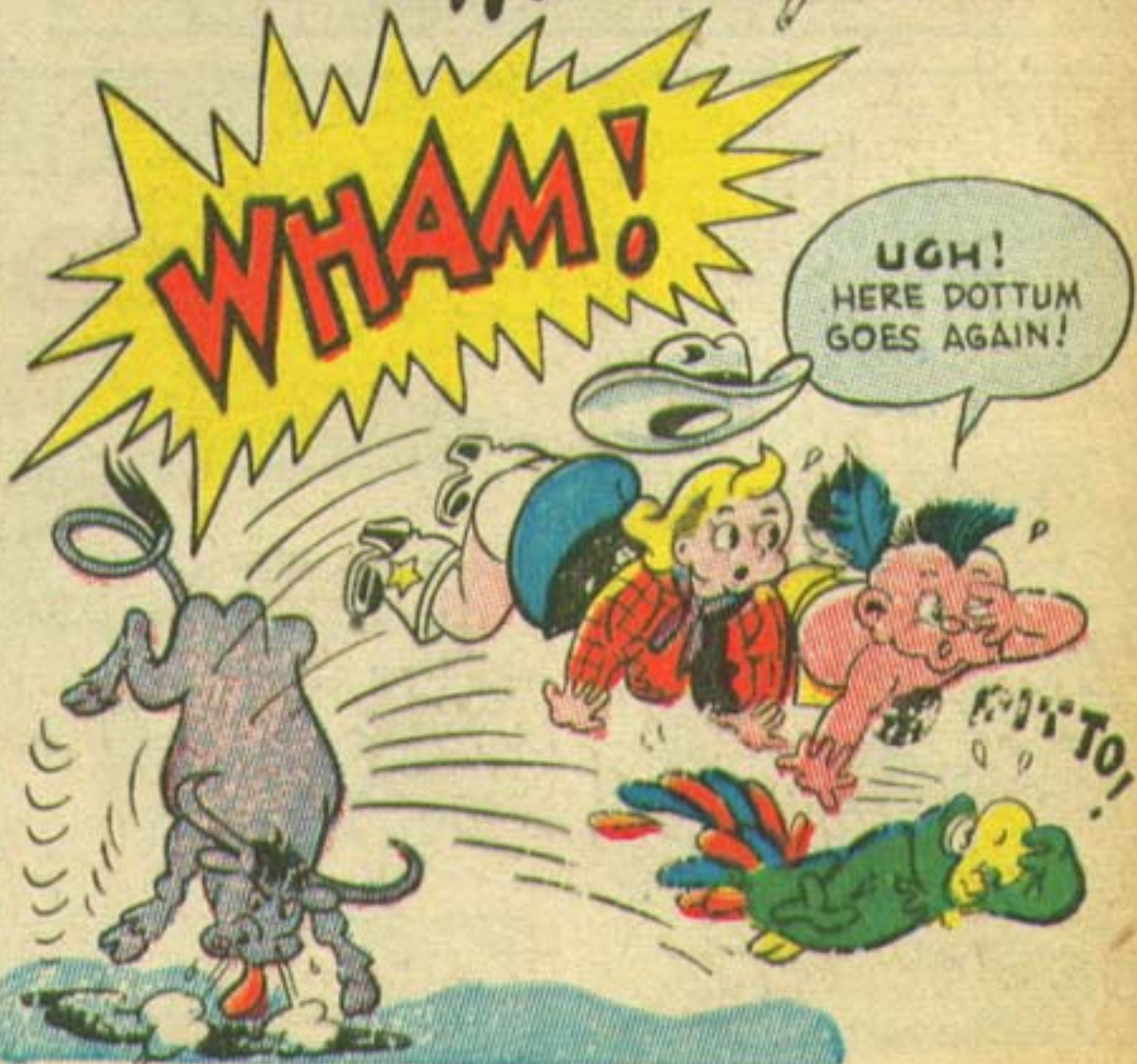
ZOUNDS! THESE BRATS WILL RUIN ME-- PSST! ONE-EYE, GET YOUR RED HANDKERCHIEF OUT, QUICK!

OKAY BOSS!



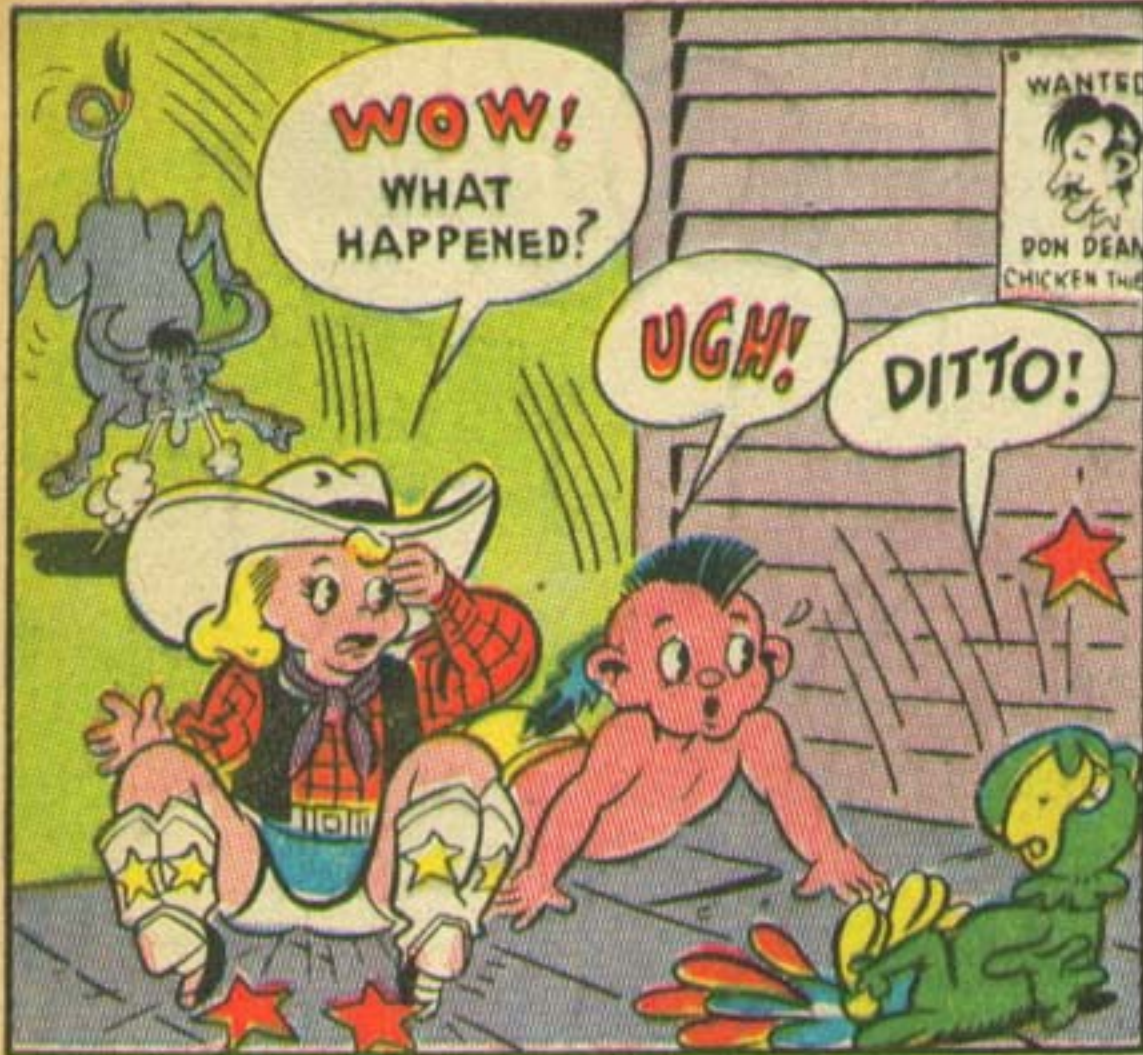
WHAT'SA MATTAH, PODNUH, GOT A COLD?

HONK!



UGH! HERE DOTTUM GOES AGAIN!

WIT TO!

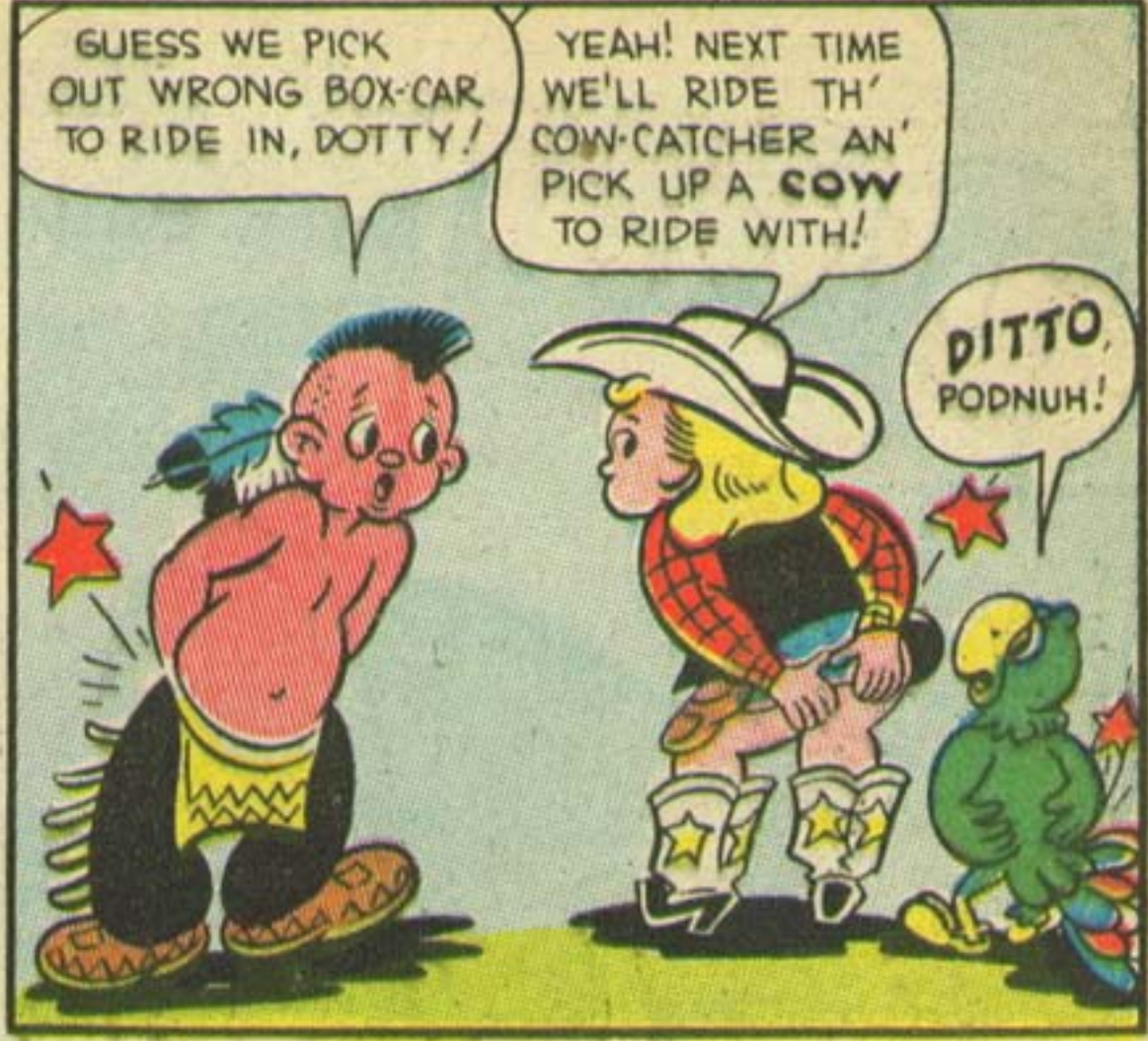


WOW!
WHAT
HAPPENED?

UGH!

DITTO!

WANTED
DON DEAN
CHICKEN THE



GUESS WE PICK
OUT WRONG BOX-CAR
TO RIDE IN, DOTTY!

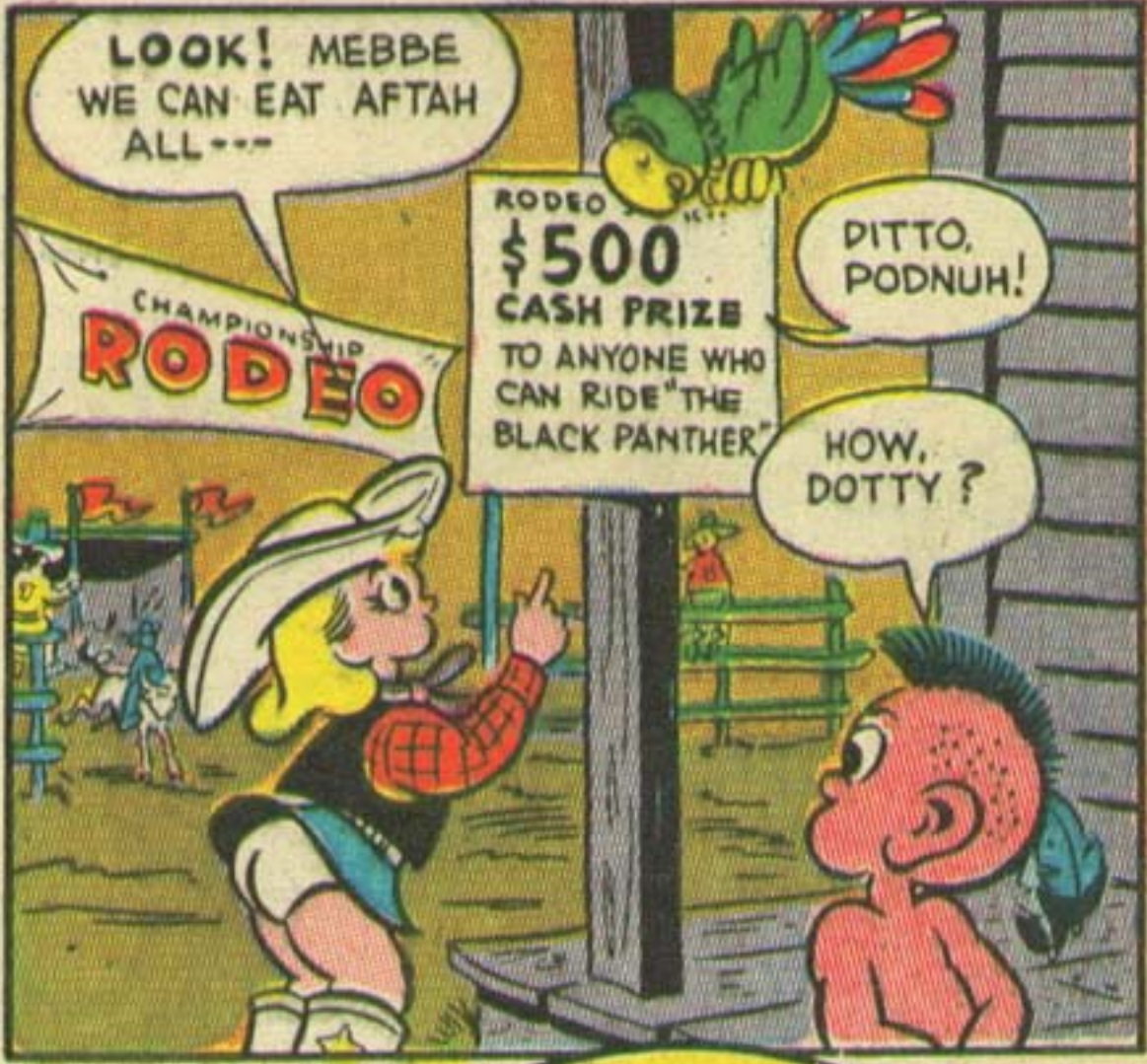
YEAH! NEXT TIME
WE'LL RIDE TH'
COW-CATCHER AN'
PICK UP A COW
TO RIDE WITH!

DITTO,
PODNUH!



UGH! DON'T TALK 'BOUT
COWS--MAKES DOTTUM
THINK O' MEAT
AN' MILK!

AH'M GETTIN' KINDA
HUNGRY MAHSELF-- AN'
NOT A CENT TO
MAH NAME!



LOOK! MEBBE
WE CAN EAT AFTAH
ALL---

RODEO
\$500
CASH PRIZE
TO ANYONE WHO
CAN RIDE "THE
BLACK PANTHER"

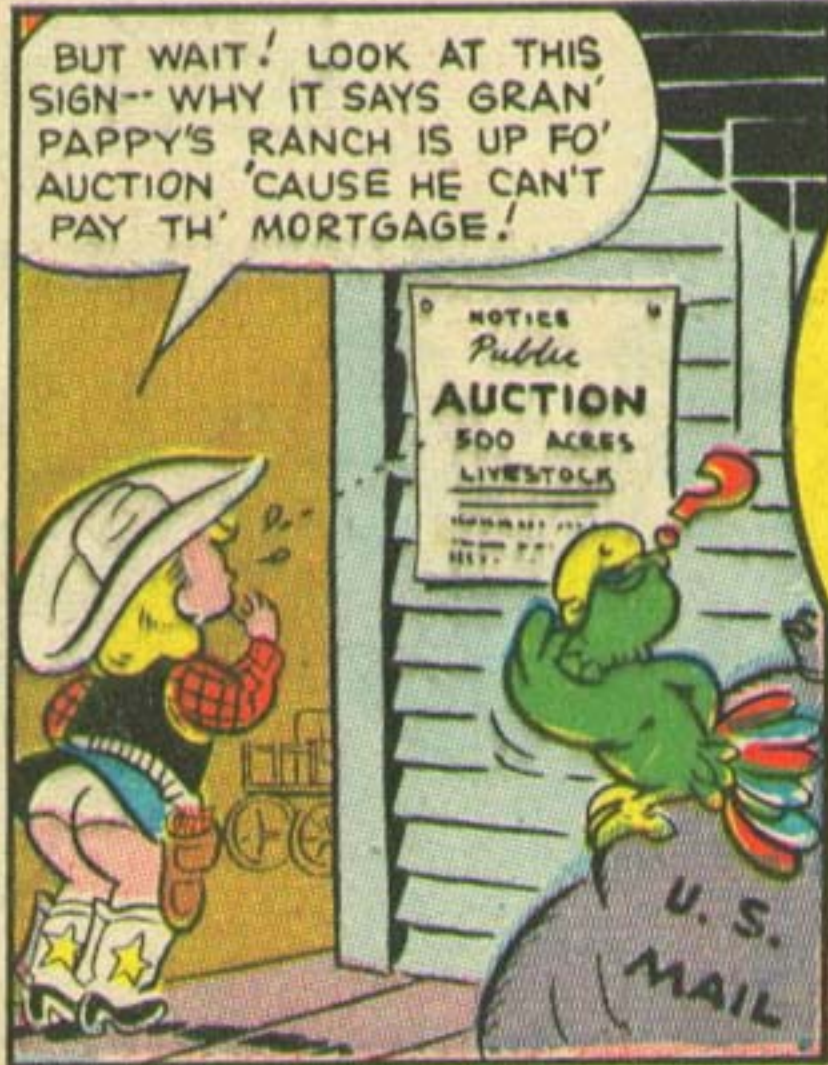
DITTO,
PODNUH!

HOW,
DOTTY?



WALL ALL AH
HAVE TO DO IS
RIDE "TH' BLACK
PANTHAH!"

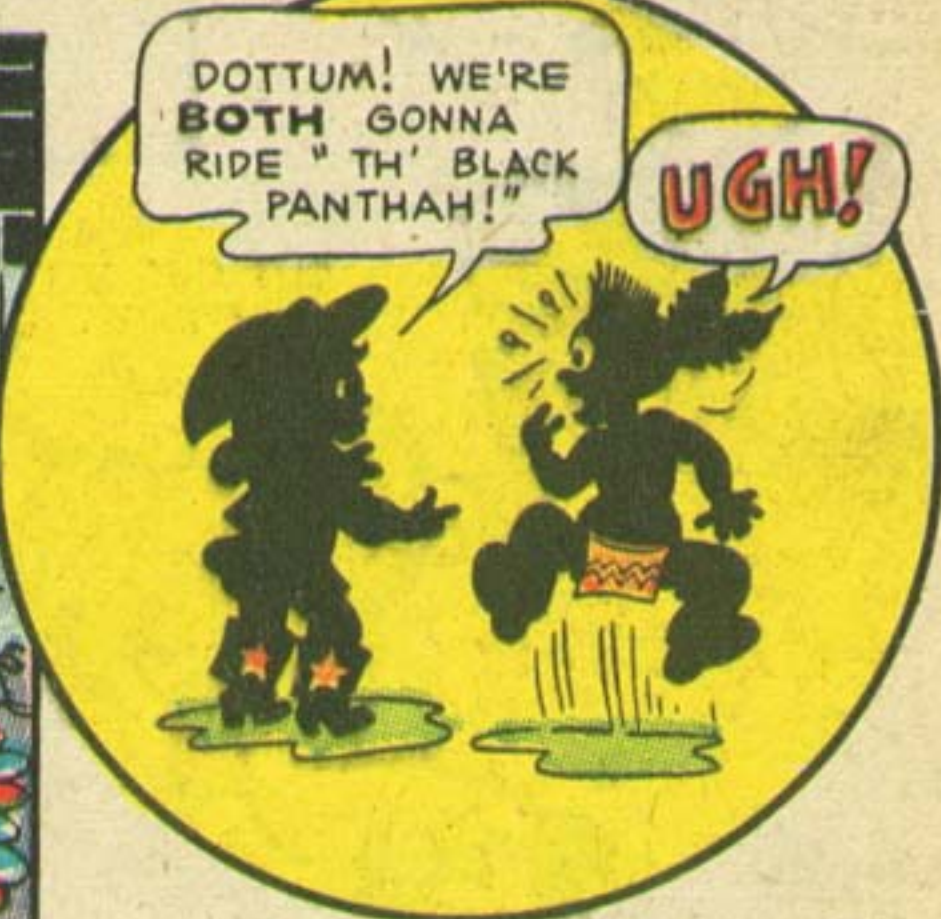
UGH!



BUT WAIT! LOOK AT THIS
SIGN-- WHY IT SAYS GRAN'
PAPPY'S RANCH IS UP FO'
AUCTION 'CAUSE HE CAN'T
PAY TH' MORTGAGE!

NOTICE
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MAIL



DOTTUM! WE'RE
BOTH GONNA
RIDE "TH' BLACK
PANTHAH!"

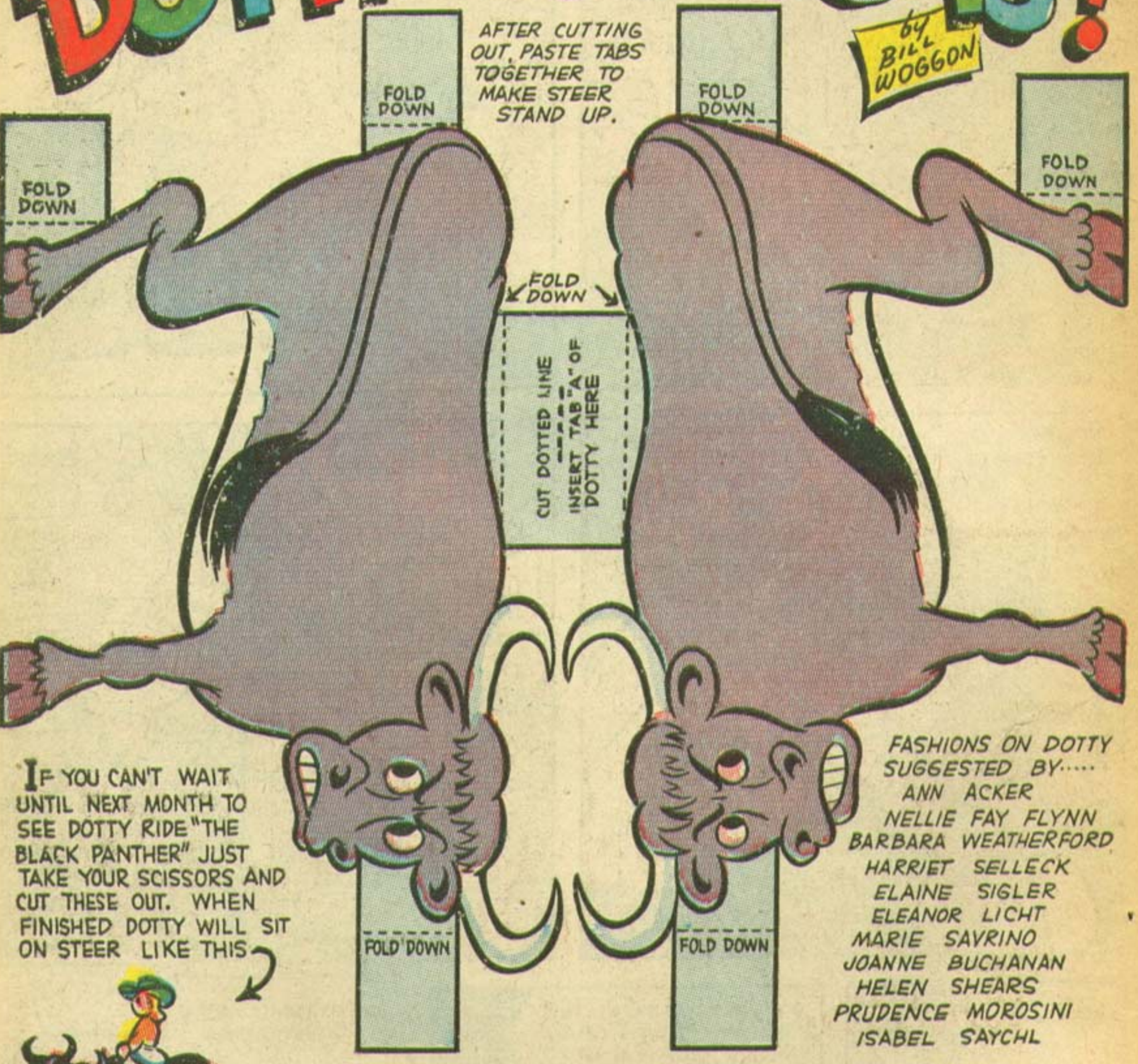
UGH!

BE IN THE GRANDSTANDS NEXT MONTH
AND WATCH DOTTY, DITTO AND DOTTUM
RIDE "THE BLACK PANTHER!"

DOTTY CUT-OUTS!

by
BILL
WOGGON

AFTER CUTTING
OUT, PASTE TABS
TOGETHER TO
MAKE STEER
STAND UP.

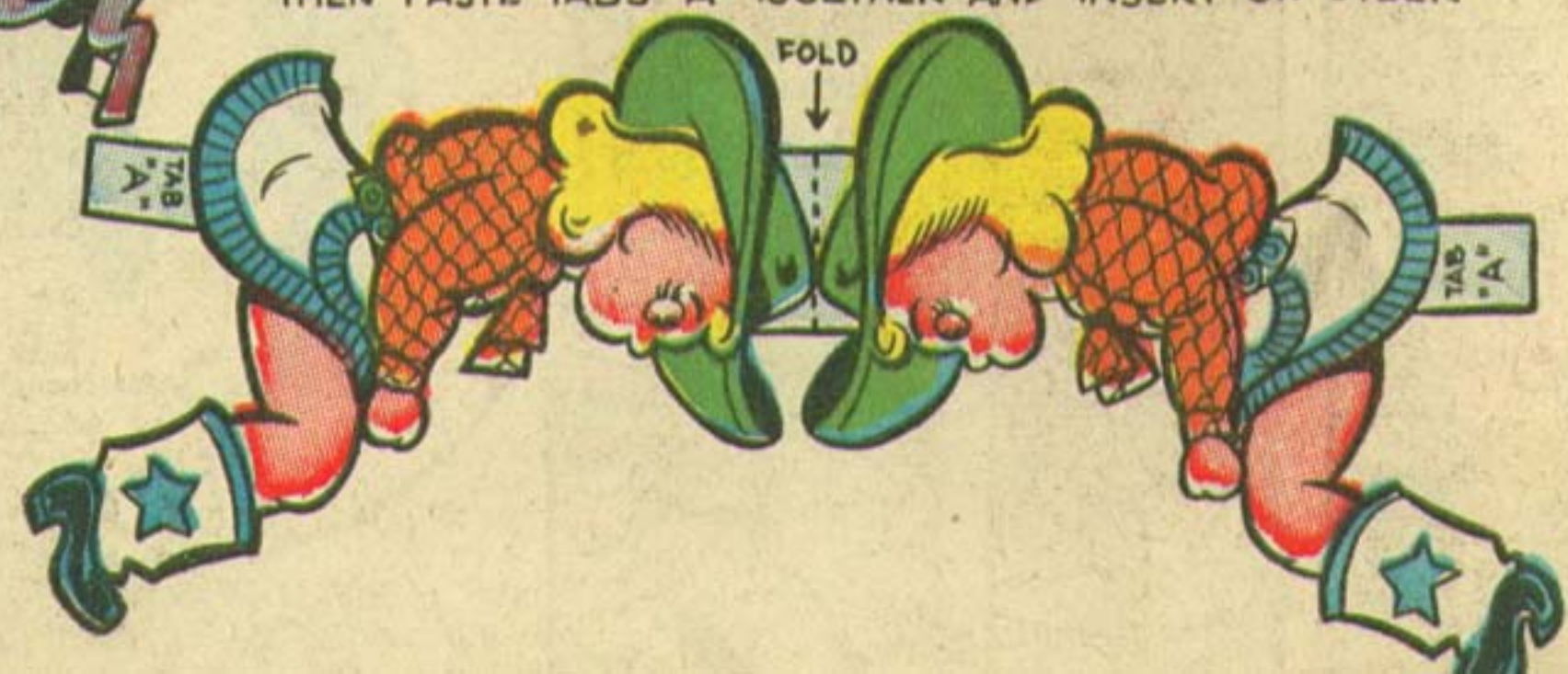


IF YOU CAN'T WAIT
UNTIL NEXT MONTH TO
SEE DOTTY RIDE "THE
BLACK PANTHER" JUST
TAKE YOUR SCISSORS AND
CUT THESE OUT. WHEN
FINISHED DOTTY WILL SIT
ON STEER LIKE THIS



- FASHIONS ON DOTTY
SUGGESTED BY.....
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CUT OUT DOTTY AND FOLD ON DOTTED LINE ABOVE HAT
THEN PASTE TABS "A" TOGETHER AND INSERT ON STEER



POKEY OAKY

by
**Don
Dean.**

As the curtain goes up on this month's episode, we find *POKEY OAKY*, the hill-billy sheriff, quite perturbed! He has just learned of Squire Mc Tavash's intentions to foreclose on the zany Col. Quagmire, a remaining remnant of the old south!



SQUIRE Mc TAVASH, DOES YO MEAN TO STAND THAR AN' SAY, YO IS GONNA KICK PO' COL. QUAGMIRE AN' HIS PAUGHTAH OUT OF THEIR ONLY *HOME*?

SHO NUFF! HE BELONGS IN THE *BUG-HOUSE*, ANYWAY!!

BUT EVAHBODY KNOWS HE IS *PUR-FECKLY* HARMLESS! PULEEZE, SQUIRE, CAN'T YO GIVE HIM A LIL MO TIME??

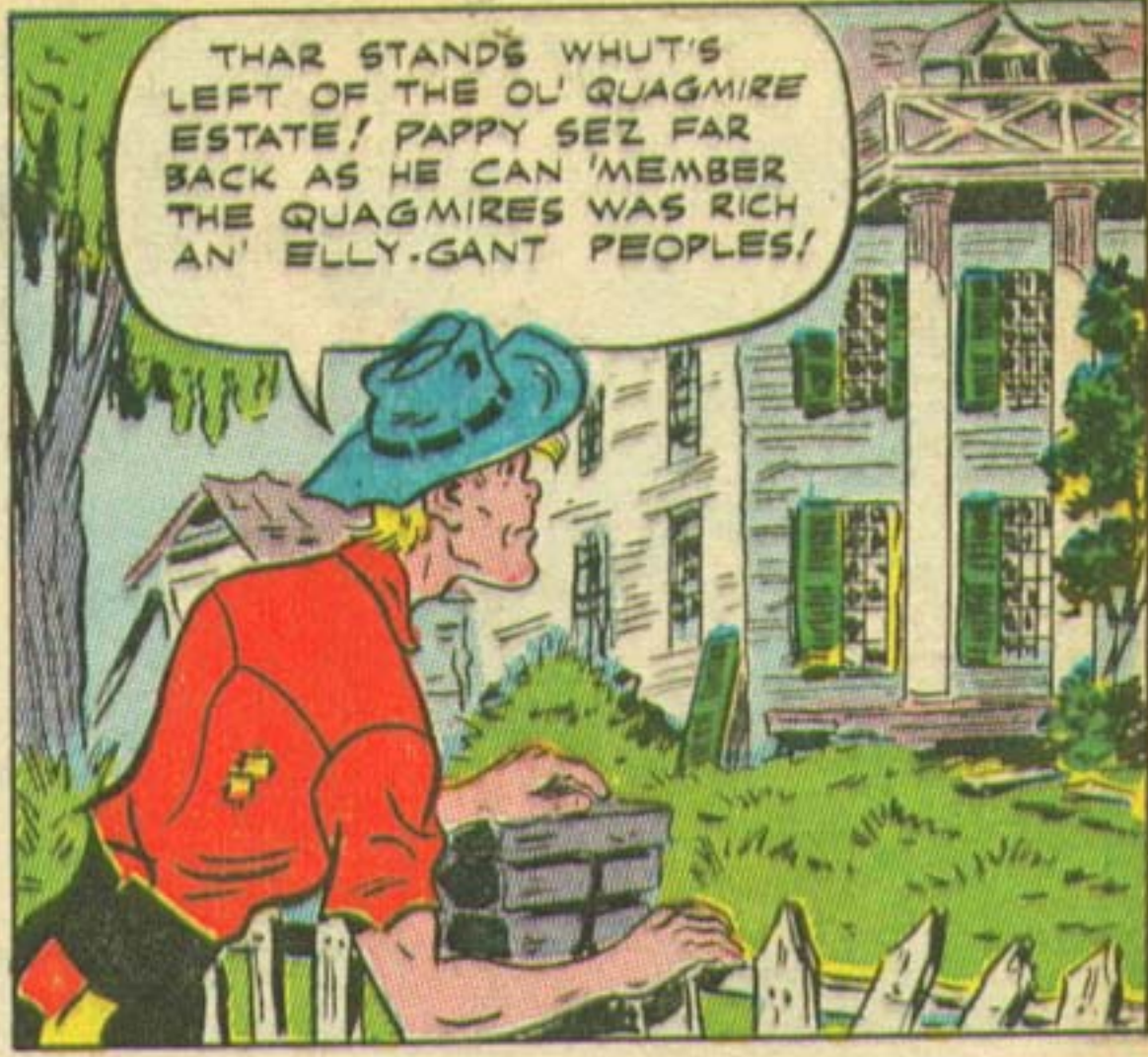
TIME?? WHY HE HAIN'T MADE A PAY. MENT ON THE PLACE SINCE DEWEY TOOK MANILA! *TIME?*
BAH!



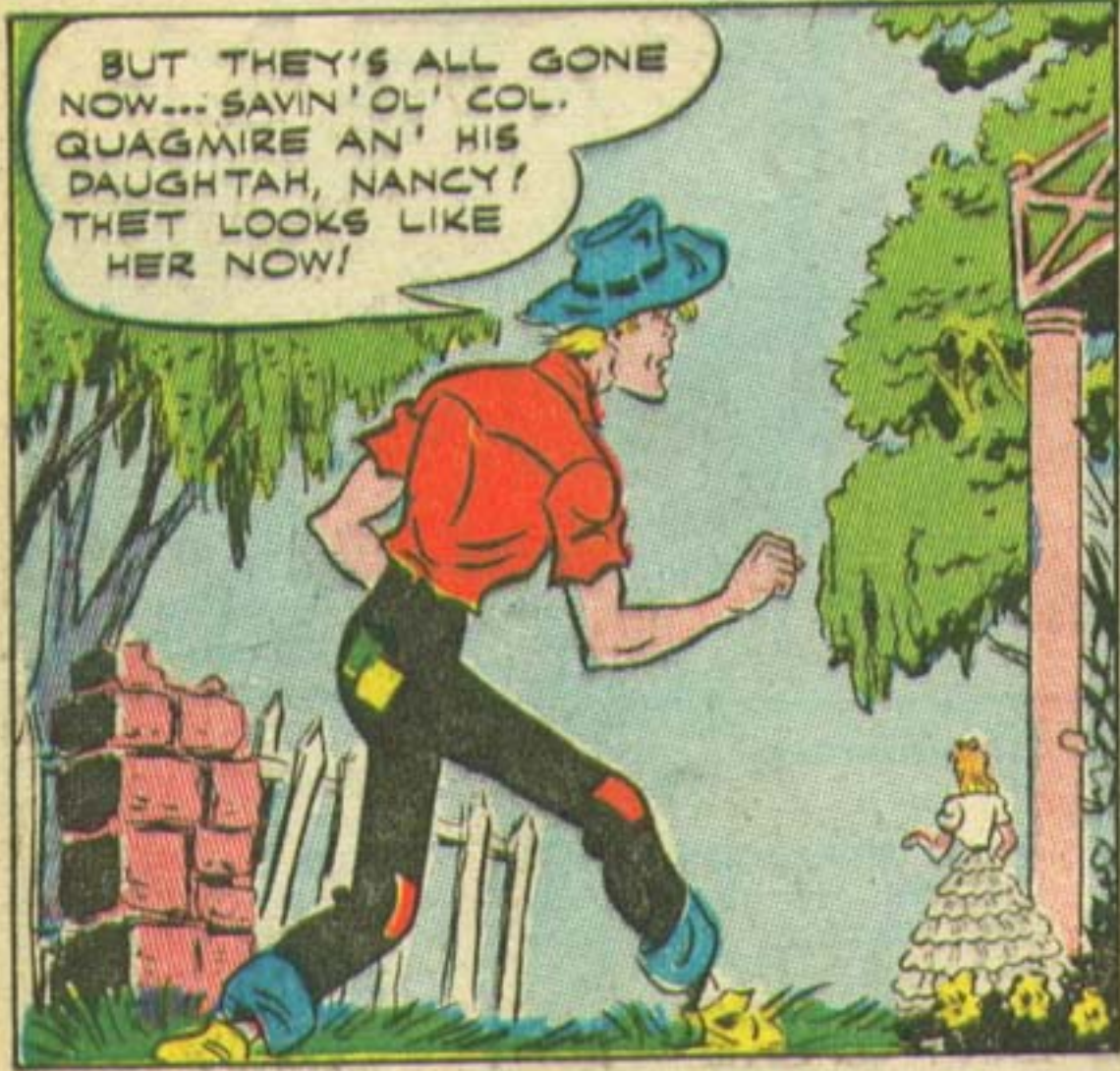


AH'M FIXIN' TO TAKE THE OL' PLACE OVAH AT SUNDOWN T'NIGHT! SO AS SHURIFF, ET'S UP TO YO TO GIT 'EM OUT!

GULP WHEN AH HAS NASTY DOOTIES LIKE THIS-TO DO AH WISH'T AH WERE JES' A INNERCENT PRIVATE CITIZEN AGIN!



THAR STANDS WHUT'S LEFT OF THE OL' QUAGMIRE ESTATE! PAPPY SEZ FAR BACK AS HE CAN 'MEMBER THE QUAGMIRE WAS RICH AN' ELLY-GANT PEOPLES!



BUT THEY'S ALL GONE NOW... SAVIN' OL' COL. QUAGMIRE AN' HIS DAUGHTAH, NANCY! THET LOOKS LIKE HER NOW!



H'LO MISS NANCY.. SAY... WHUT IS YO DOIN' IN THET FUNNY DRESS WIFF PANTS? NEW STYLE, OR SOM'PIN??

NO, POKEY, THEY ARE JES' SOM'PIN AH DUG OUT OF THE ATTIC! ONLY THINGS AH HAVE ANYMORE!



ER..A..AH CAME TO SEE YO PAPPY, MISS NANCY! 'BOUT BIZZNESS AN' SECH!

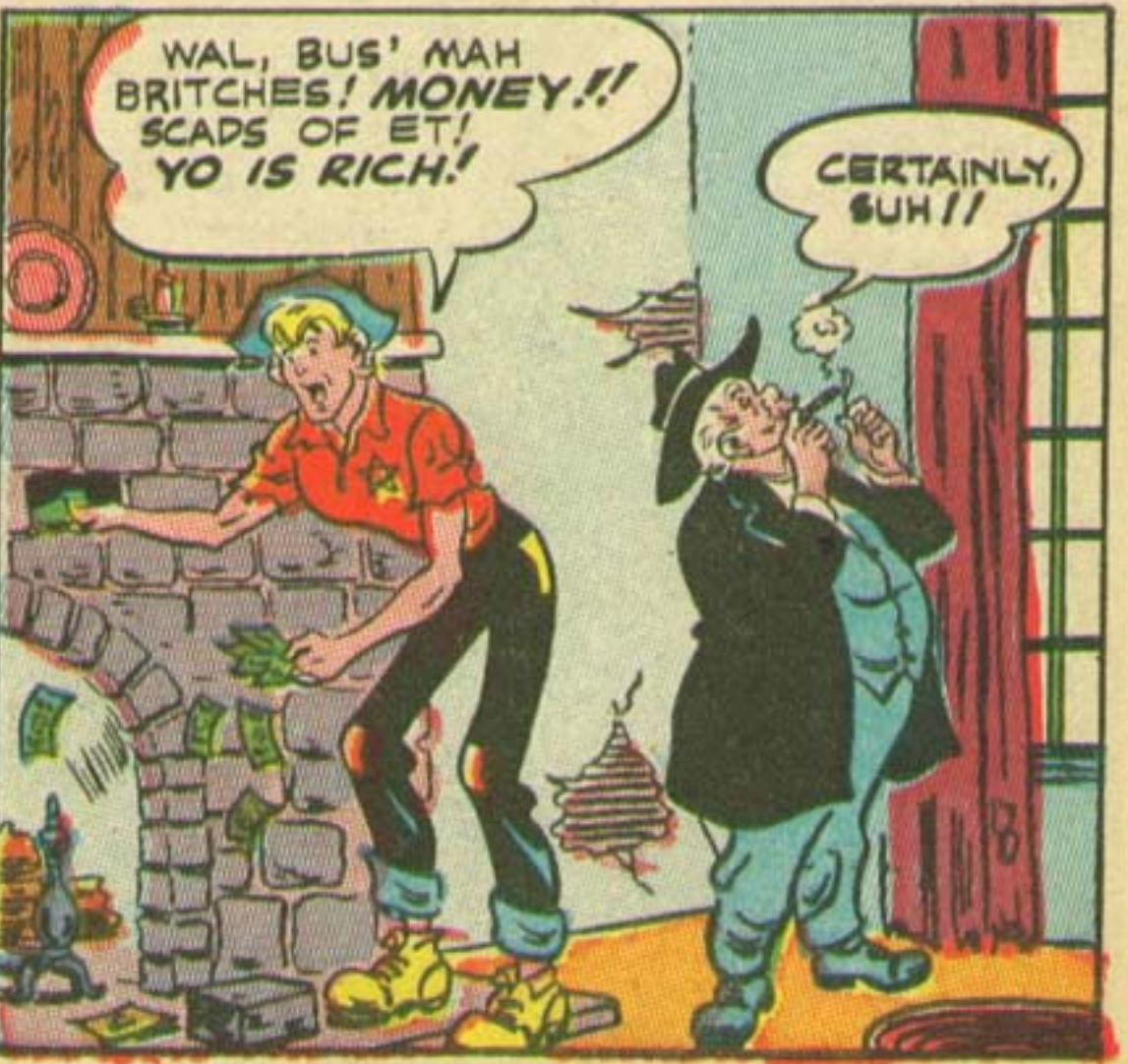
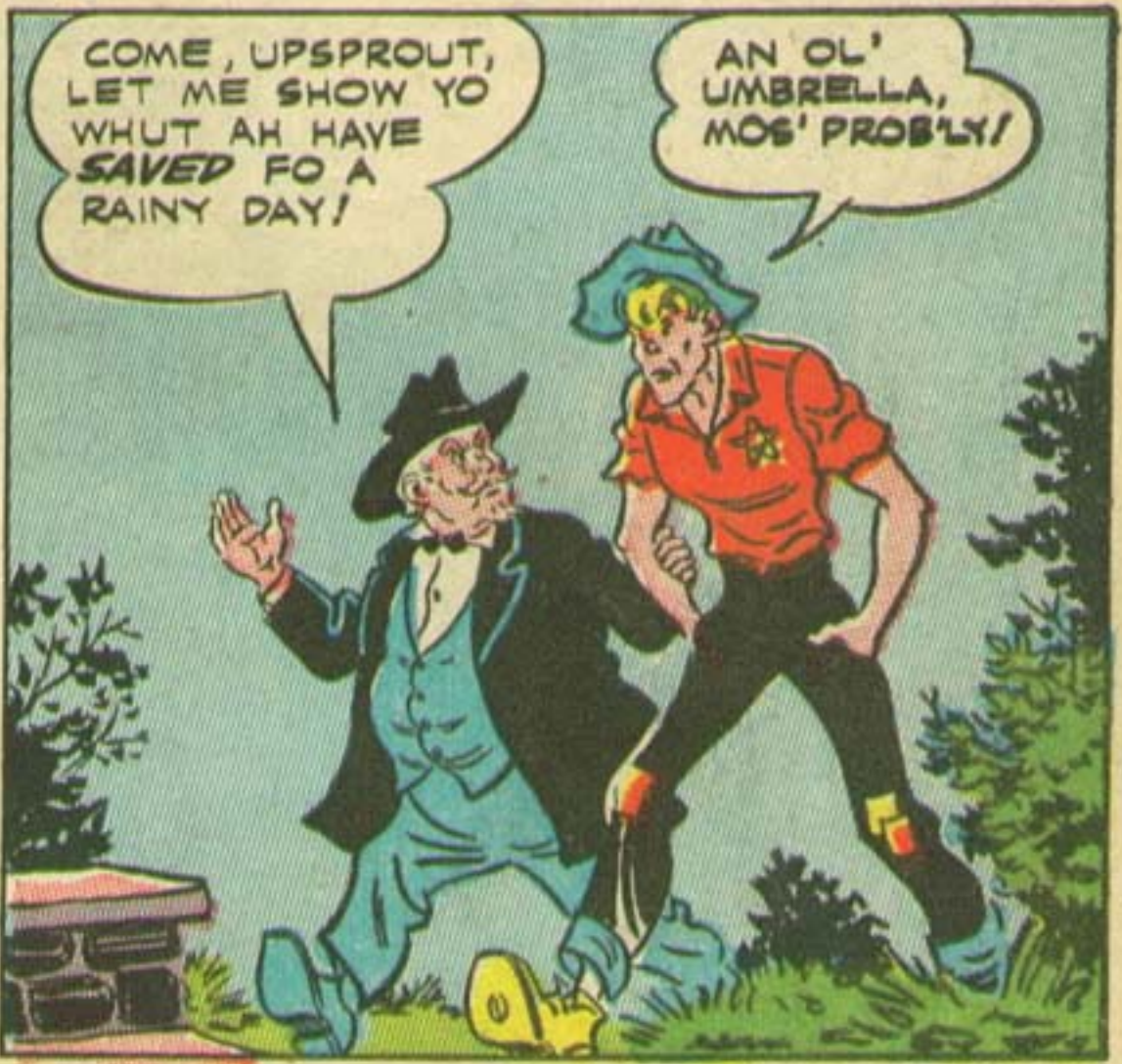
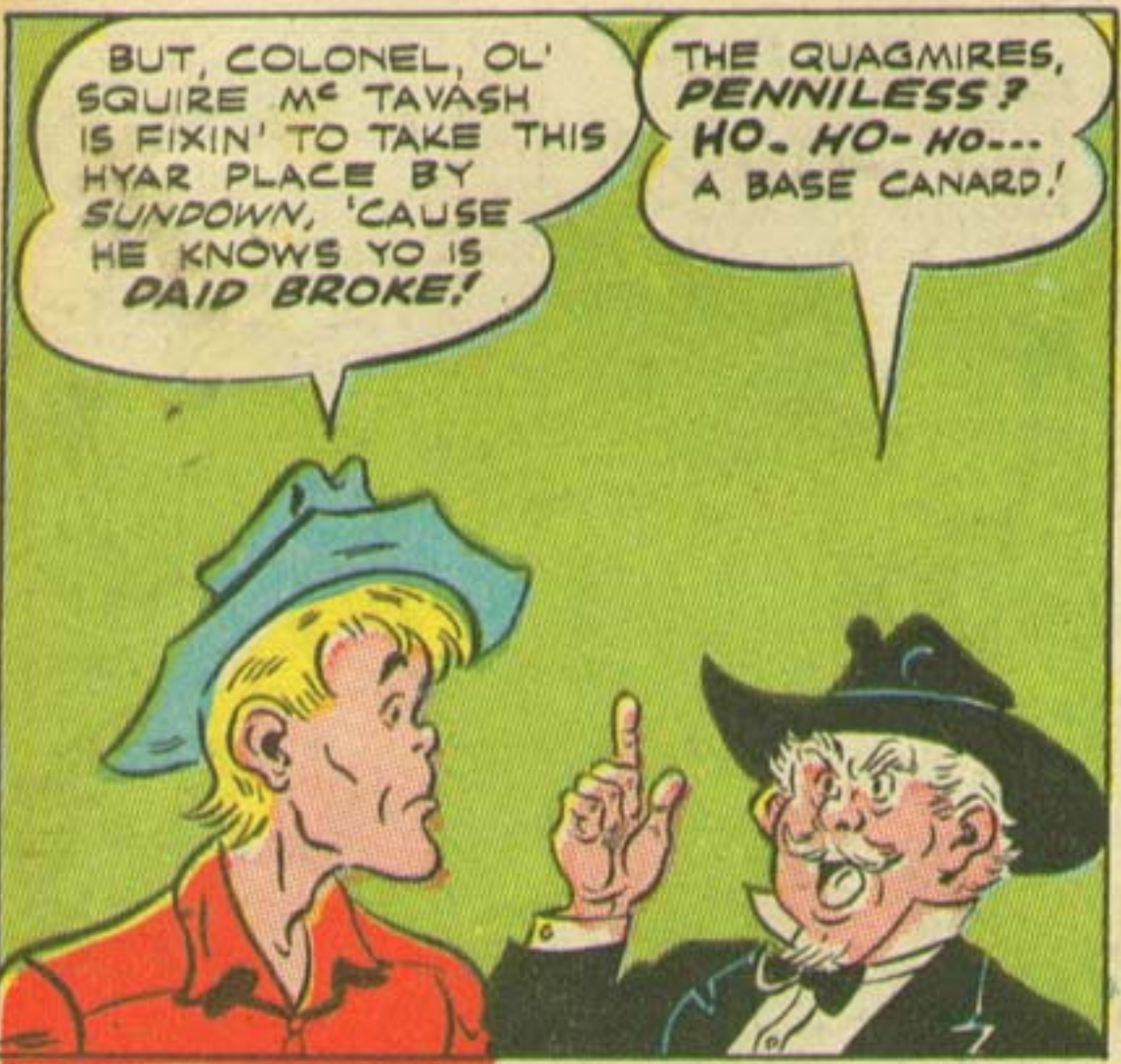
YES.. AH KNOW, (SIGH) YO WILL FIND HIM ON THE FRONT PORCH!!



RECKON, AH BETTAH HOOMOR HIM ALONG..

HOWDY COL. QUAGMIRE, WHAT IS YO FISHIN' FO?

SUCKERS!





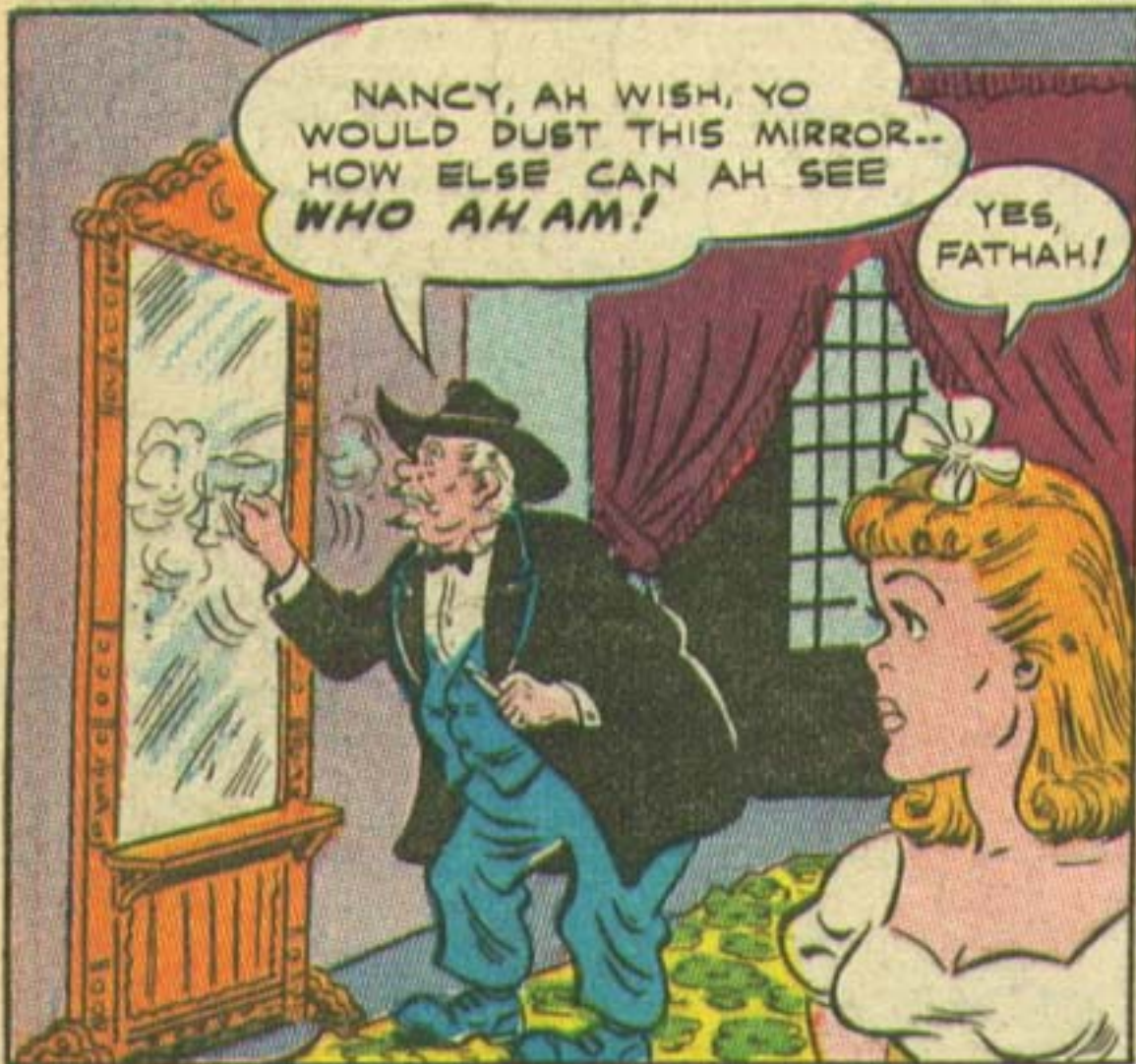
GULP H-HEY!
WAIT A MINUTE..
THIS HYAR IS
CONFEDERATE
MONEY!

YES, NOW
TAKE OUT
ENOUGH, TO
PAY OFF MY
MORTGAGE,
SON!



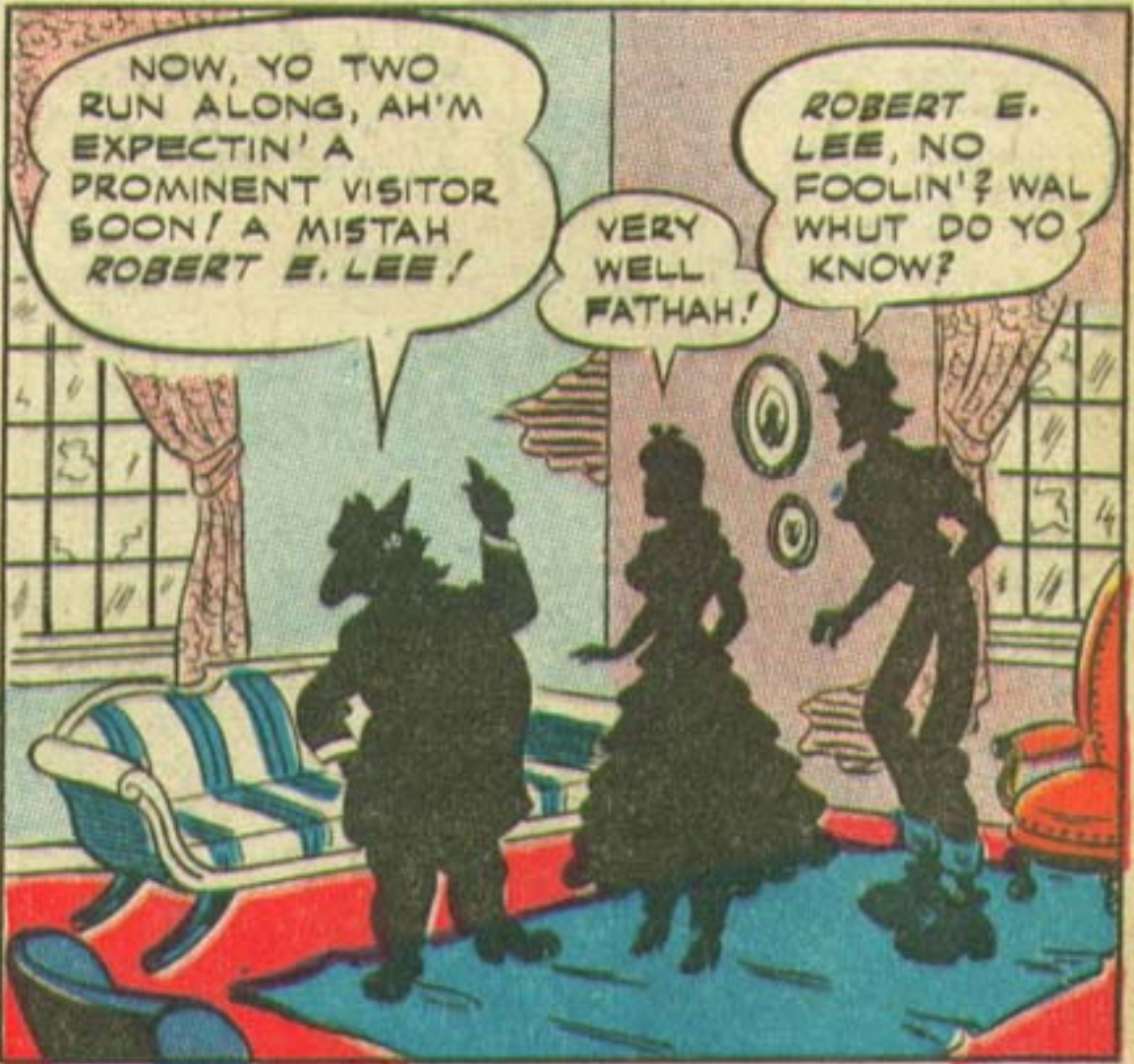
OH, WHUT'S
THE USE...
YO SHO HAVE
SEEN BETTAH
DAYS, COL.
QUAGMIRE!

INDEED YES,
YESTERDAY WAS
PERFECT.. SUN-
SHINE AN' ALL!



NANCY, AH WISH, YO
WOULD DUST THIS MIRROR..
HOW ELSE CAN AH SEE
WHO AH AM!

YES,
FATHAH!



NOW, YO TWO
RUN ALONG, AH'M
EXPECTIN' A
PROMINENT VISITOR
SOON! A MISTAH
ROBERT E. LEE!

VERY
WELL
FATHAH!

ROBERT E.
LEE, NO
FOOLIN'? WAL
WHUT DO YO
KNOW?

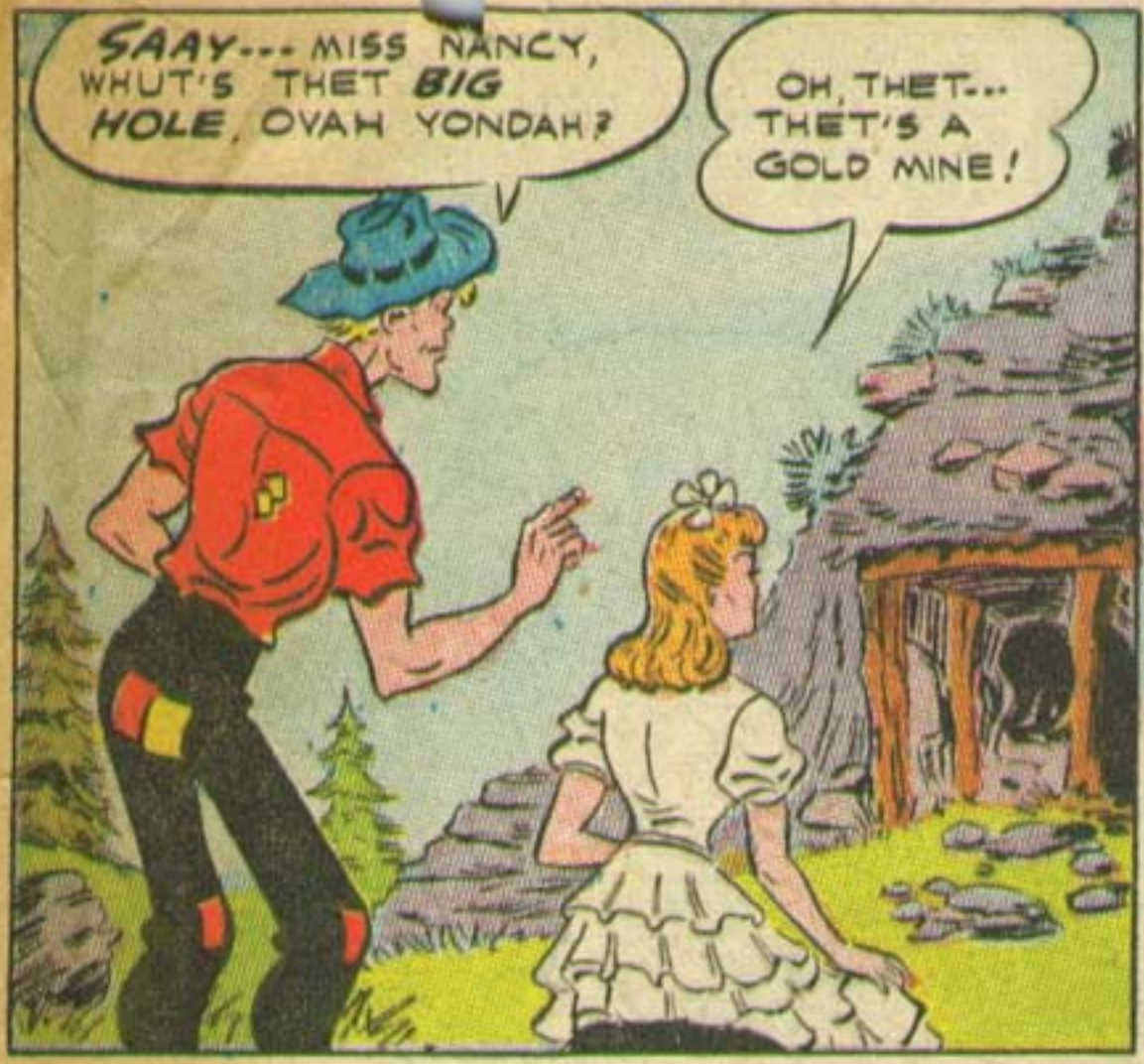


YO SEE, POKEY,
EVAHTHING IS SO
HOPELESS.. AH HAD
BETTAH START
PACKING OUR THINGS!
(SOB)

C'MON, BRACE
UP, MISS NANCY,
ONLY L'IL CHILLUNS
CRY! (SOB) CHOKE..
CHOKE...

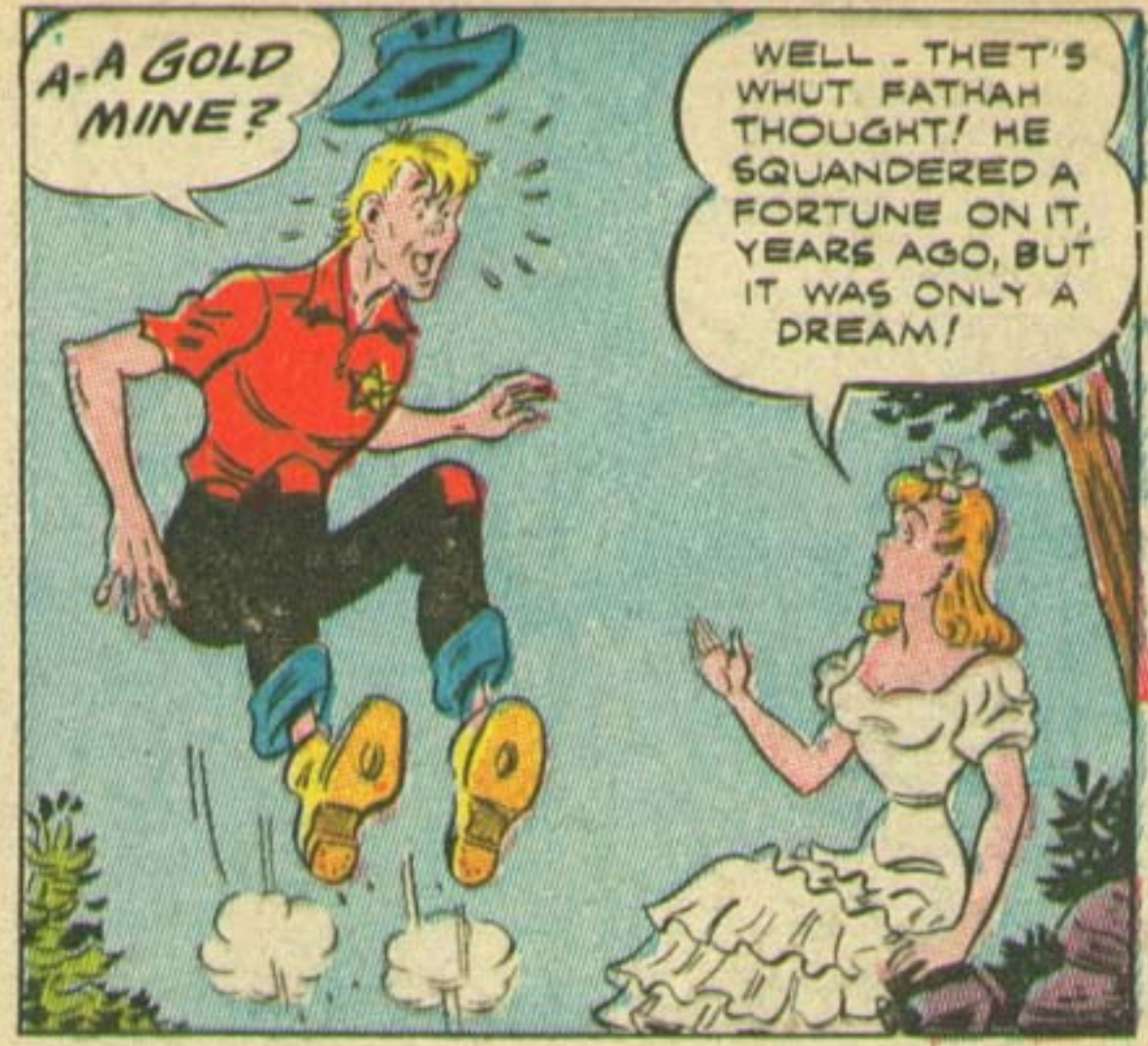


AH WOULD HAVE
GOTTEN A JOB LONG
AGO, BUT FATHAH IS
TOO PROUD TO SEE
ME WORK!



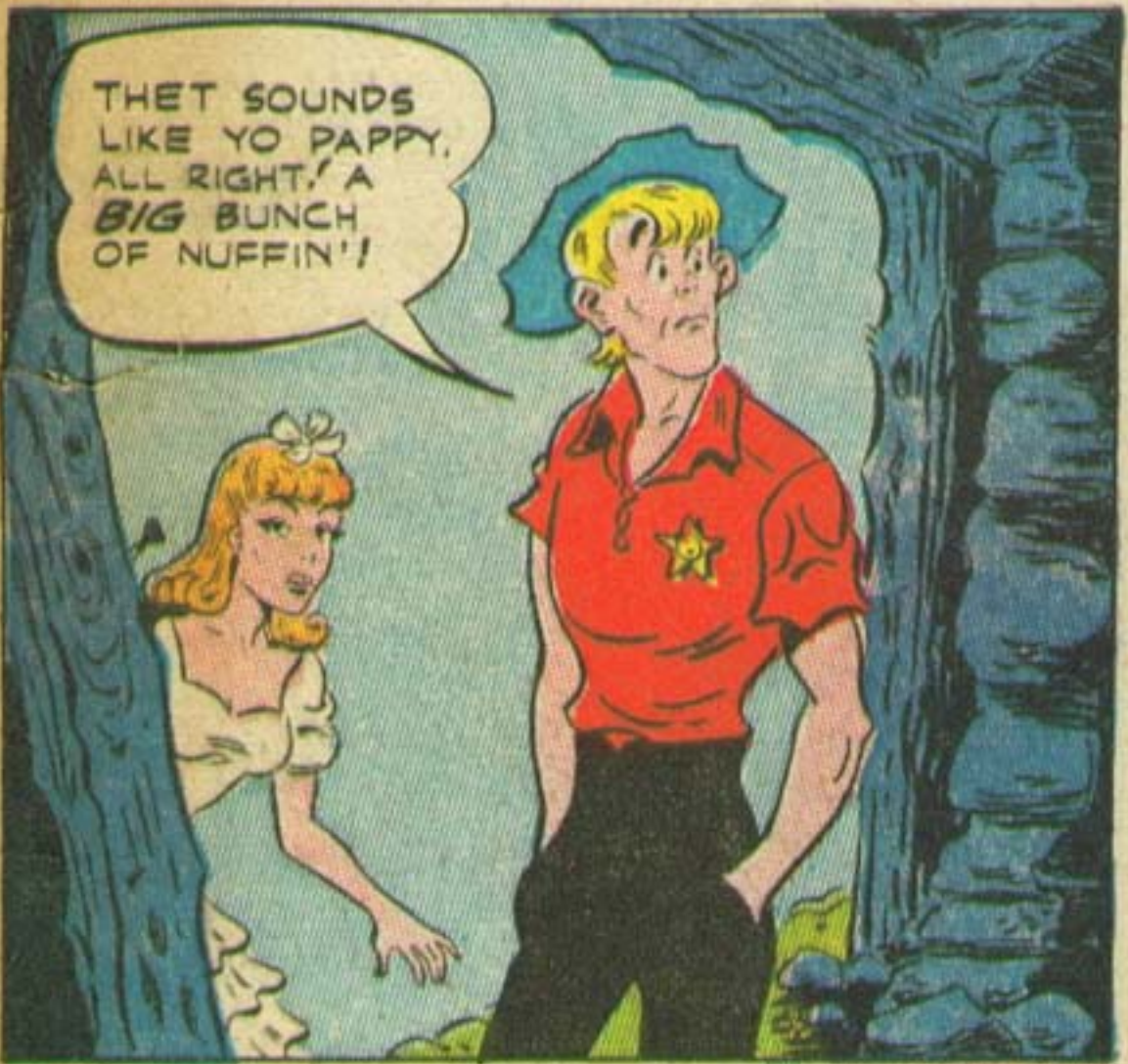
SAAY--- MISS NANCY,
WHUT'S THET **BIG**
HOLE, OVAH YONDAH?

OH, THET...
THET'S A
GOLD MINE!



A-A GOLD
MINE?

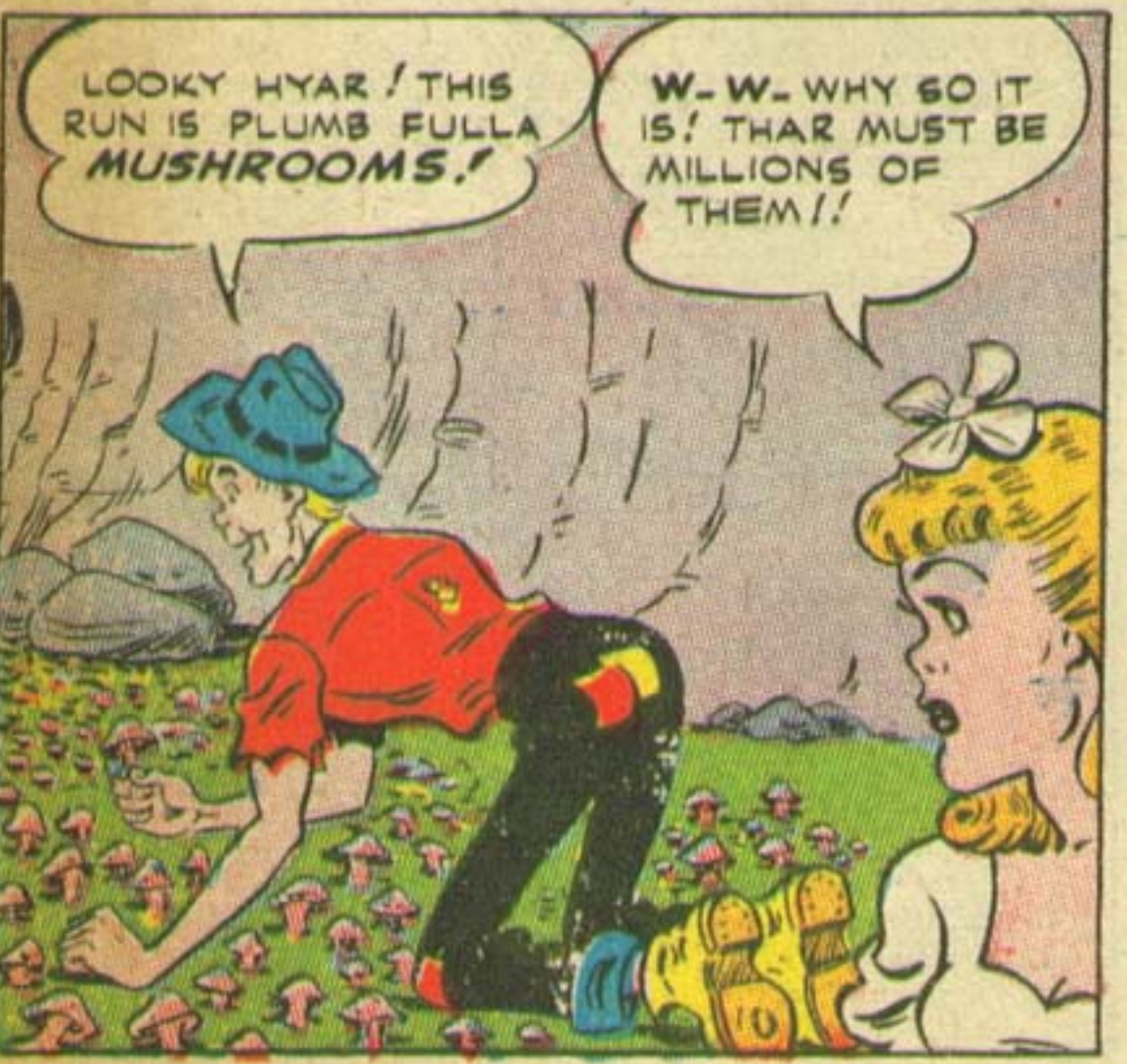
WELL - THET'S
WHUT FATHAH
THOUGHT! HE
SQUANDERED A
FORTUNE ON IT,
YEARS AGO, BUT
IT WAS ONLY A
DREAM!



THET SOUNDS
LIKE YO PAPPY,
ALL RIGHT! A
BIG BUNCH
OF NUFFIN'!

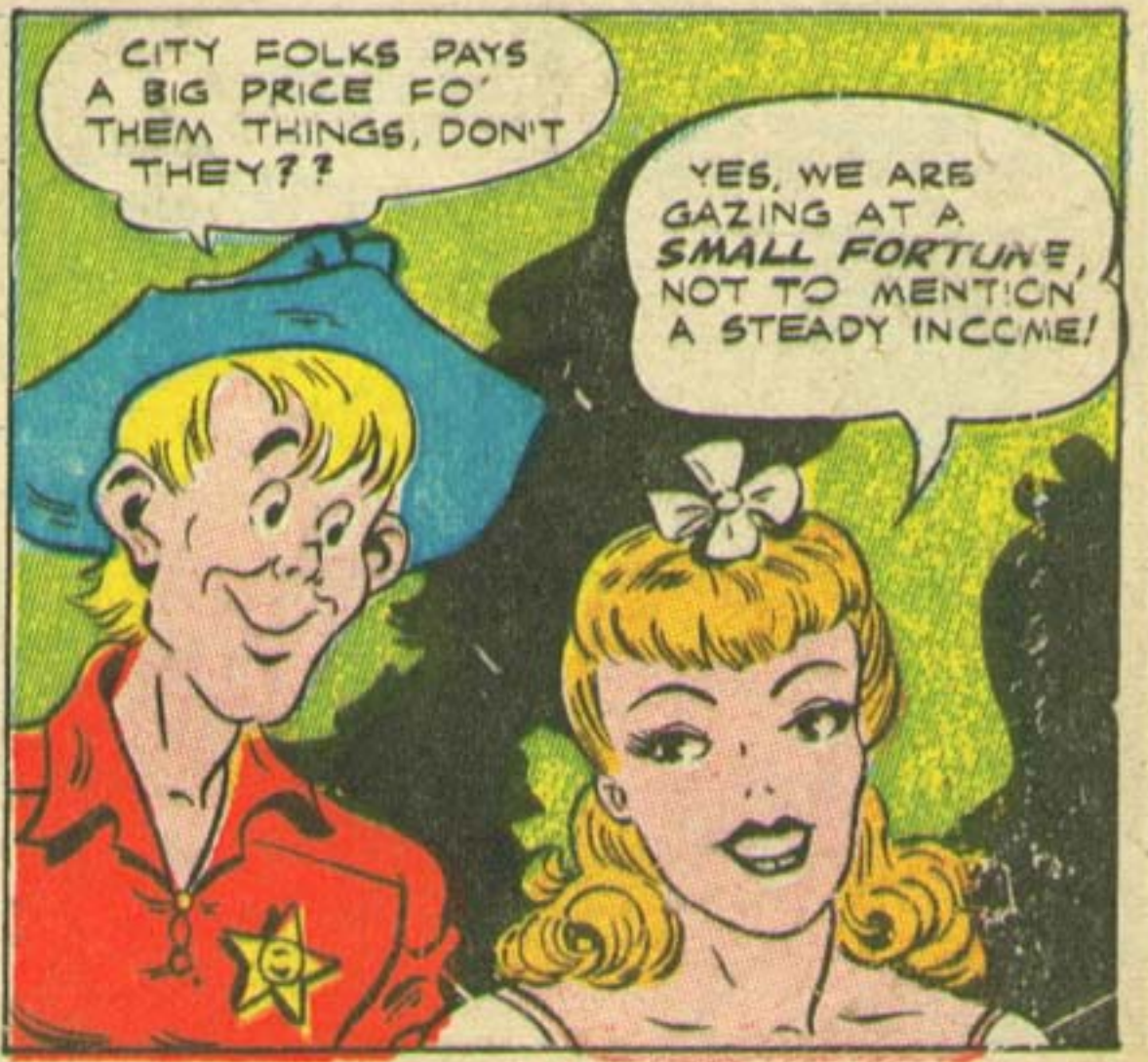


WAL CUSS ME!!
HEY THAR, MISS
NANCY, C'MERE,
QUICK!



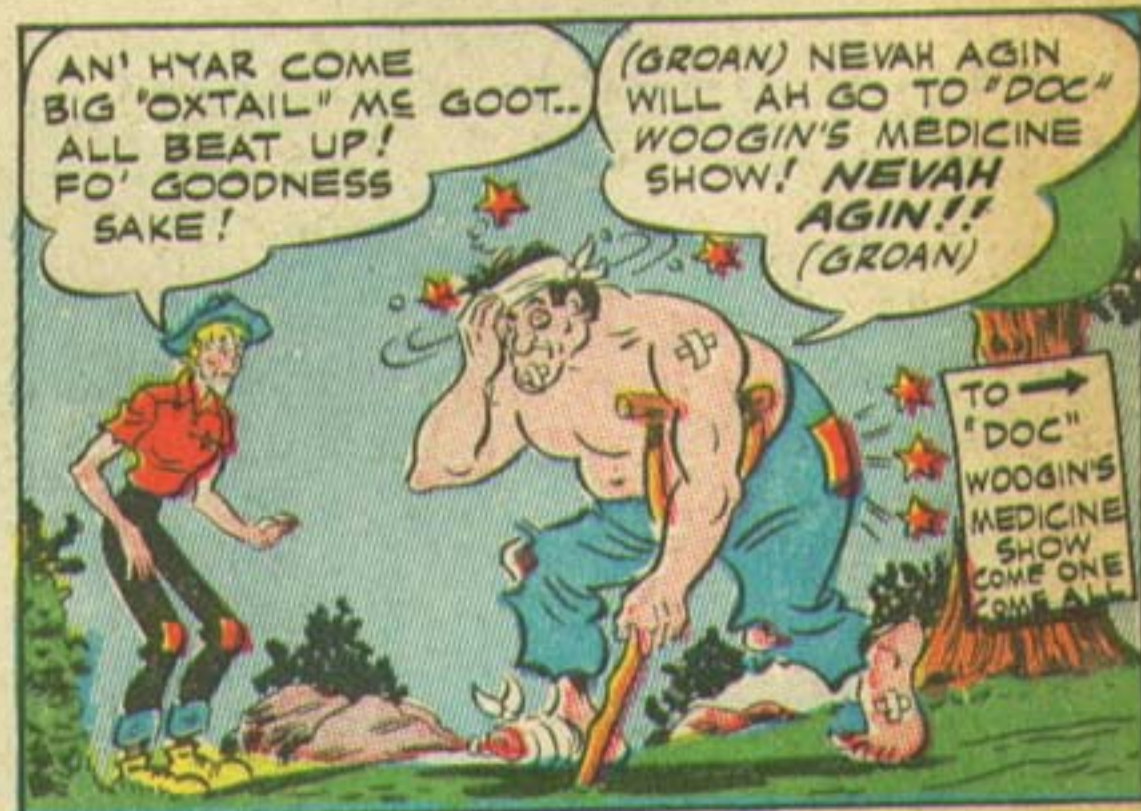
LOOKY HYAR! THIS
RUN IS PLUMB FULLA
MUSHROOMS!

W-W- WHY SO IT
IS! THAR MUST BE
MILLIONS OF
THEM!!



CITY FOLKS PAYS
A BIG PRICE FO'
THEM THINGS, DON'T
THEY??

YES, WE ARE
GAZING AT A
SMALL FORTUNE,
NOT TO MENTION
A STEADY INCCME!



BUT WE ARE GONNA SEE, WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, YES SIR, SO COME ALONG WITH US NEXT MONTH.....

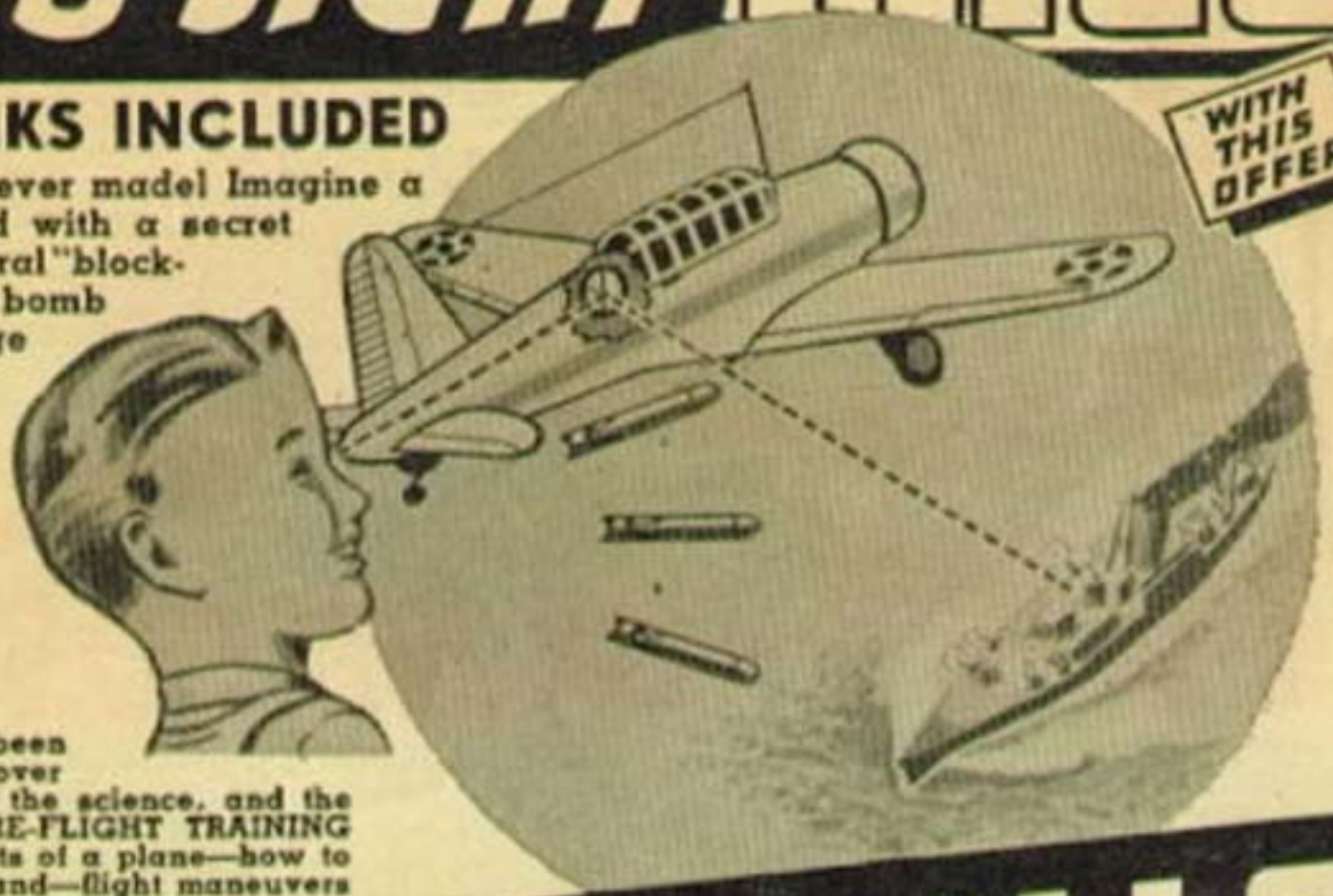
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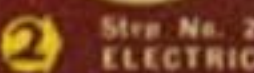
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